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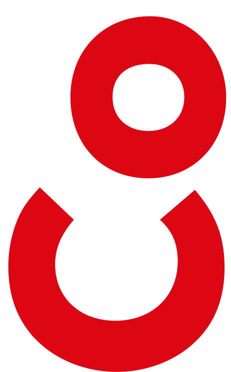
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CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Kits laid out neatly, boots lined up and the Liverpool FC crest as the centrepiece... The Anfield dressing-room looks so peaceful three hours before kick-off but all that changes when Jürgen Klopp and his players enter Anfield and their inner sanctum becomes a hive of activity, a hubub of noise. "That's how it is in the dressing-room with a lot of men, a lot of testosterone," says the LFC manager. "One is talking – that's me – and sometimes, before I start talking, the boys have a few words."



PURPLE GAIN

While boys from Brazil Fabinho and Roberto Firmino debate whether to join Sadio Mane in jumping on James Milner after he opened the scoring in the 1-1 draw at Arsenal, Trent Alexander-Arnold celebrates by punching the air in front of the travelling Kop who were going wild behind the goal at The Emirates. If Mane's first-half goal hadn't wrongly been ruled out for offside they'd have been able to celebrate three points too...


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IN THE RED CORNER

Mo Salah prepares to take a corner with the Premier League's yellow winter ball, used between the clocks going back and the clocks going forward. Mo scored directly from a corner while playing for Egypt recently so don't be surprised if he does the same for LFC...



TRE

There's a real buzz around LFC, says the young Reds full-back who's maturing into quite the player thanks to a supporting cast at work and at home


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STAYING FIT AND FRESH

There has been no real tiredness after the World Cup and I think that's largely down to the off-pitch stuff that we do. A lot of the responsibilities are in our own hands, such as whether we want ice-baths and so on.

For the younger players in the squad it's important to see the likes of Jordan Henderson, James Milner and so on eat the right stuff every single day at every meal, have their ice-baths and recover each day to make themselves better and give themselves every chance of being able to perform on a better level. Everyone looks up to the senior players in the squad and if you see them doing those things then you know that you're supposed to be doing it as well. That's the way we look at it.

We're all aiming towards the same goal so we all need to help each other. If someone's not pulling their weight then we all get round them and help them through and that's the strength of this squad. Everyone's like a big family and we all do it together.

DEAD-BALL DELIVERY

I work hard on practising my free-kicks and dead-ball deliveries. I think if you want to master something you've got to practise and practise and when I get the opportunity, I always do.

The rest of the squad work hard on parts of their play, too. There's a lot of competition for places in this team and I think that the different things you can bring will get you in or out of a team really. So if set-pieces is one of your strengths then maybe you'll get picked ahead of someone else. I've always thought that way and I've always tried to add things to my game. A lot of the lads are practising the free-kicks hard as well and they're keeping everyone on their toes.

Everyone's got their own technique but the more you practise the more you find out about yourself and how you hit the ball. That comes with practise and maybe with watching other people take them as well.

BACK TO FRONT

We feel that we're in a really strong position right now. We've got a solid foundation at the back and are strong going forward as we showed last season too. I think as long as we score goals and stay calm at the back then we've got every chance of keeping our good form going.

Once the manager came in, it was never going to be an overnight thing – it was going to take a bit of time. I think it's shown that it's working now with the results that we've been getting and the positions that we've been taking up. That's positive for the club and maybe something that we haven't really seen in the past couple of years. It's demonstrated that everyone's hungry for titles and winning competitions and hopefully this season we will bring silverware to the club.



WHAT THE BOSS WANTS

He demands a lot from his players and that's why he's had a lot of success throughout his career. We've all bought into the ideas that he's brought into the team. I think with the right mentality the team can go a long way and with the mindset that he's brought we've pushed forward over the past three years and I'm sure we can move even further ahead in the next few years.

He obviously wants the best from everyone in his team and I like his honesty. He's always straight with you and that's good because you know what he's saying is the truth, so you really listen to it and apply it to yourself. I think the way he goes about it is perfect. He knows when to be harsh with someone and when to put his arm around someone and help them along in tough times. I've experienced that a few times and it's helped me to keep on performing.

The manager hasn't set me any specific targets but as a full-back you need to get goals and assists in the modern game. Without him saying it, I think we both know that full-backs need to do that, so let's say my own target would be more goals, more assists and more contributions going forward as well as helping the team to keep more clean-sheets.

KIRKBY PLANS

We're all looking forward to the training ground being on one-site with the Academy. I was always a bit jealous when I was younger and talking to players from other clubs who'd said they'd seen their first-team players walking around the corridors and they'd been bumping into them. I couldn't do that, so I think it will be good for the Academy lads to see the first-team players, how they act around the place and be able to learn from them.

When you see it for yourself, you buy into it more. If you see players eating the right things and carrying themselves in the right way, then it can only encourage the Academy players to do the same thing and with that it's bound to bring more players through.

The Academy staff deserve the best part of the credit for my development, if not all of it, because without them I wouldn't be here now. They showed belief in me when I was young and helped me along in the difficult times, all the way through. They obviously developed me as a player too so a lot of thanks goes to them and all the coaches there and everyone around me who's helped me on my way.

Liverpool is a great club for giving younger players a chance. When the manager came in, he showed a lot of faith in young players and also the trust to play them in games – especially in my case. He put me into matches where many other managers wouldn't have because of the size of the game. He showed faith in me and he's continued to do that and wanted me to push forward and be a part of his team.





TRAINING CAMP

When you are doing well you enjoy coming into training and you just want to be playing a game every single day and keep the ball rolling so that you can try to keep the good form going. The wait between games seems longer than when things aren't going well. We're excited for every game that comes along and keeping focused towards them. There has always been a real energy around the training ground but I feel especially now with the results going well and the feeling around the club, it is really good at the minute. We're all excited and we all want to succeed.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DREAMS

I always loved the Champions League growing up – there was always something special about it. So it was great to play in the competition for the first time last season and going all the way and reaching the final was an unbelievable experience. That's helped everyone because no-one in our squad that day had done that before. It was also a massive lesson for us to learn how to go about things, to push on this season and hopefully take it one step further.

For me, it's important to have the confidence to believe in yourself – that you're good enough to play on those stages against the best teams in the world. The trust of the manager fills you with a lot of confidence and when I go out on the pitch I want to make him proud and show people why he's chosen me to play. It's rare to have a manager who will trust young players as much as ours does.

LEARNING CURVES

I feel as though everything about my game's improved since I made my debut for the first team two years ago. I've matured a lot and my decision-making on the pitch is better and that's thanks to the manager, the staff and the team-mates who have helped me every day.

I just want to try to keep getting better. There's no limit that I'm putting on myself. I'm working every day to improve every aspect because no-one's perfect and everyone can work on something, especially me. I feel as though I've still got a lot of things to learn in trying to make myself better.

VIRGIL'S VIRTUES

Virgil's made a big difference. Everything he does, he does with confidence. He shows on the pitch that he's not fazed by anything. That runs throughout the team now with him bringing the ball out from the back and playing with such confidence. He's such an unbelievable player and we all look to him and aspire to be like him.



MILLY MARVEL

I'd say James Milner is the most consistent player I've ever played or trained with – I've never seen him have a bad session or a bad game. He's so reliable and so versatile as well and that's everything you want in a player. He'll put his body on the line for the team and he's non-stop. When times are hard, he'll put in a tackle that lifts everyone and gets everyone up for the game. He brings the energy that the team needs.

Off the pitch he holds the highest standards that I've probably ever seen in someone. He demands a lot from himself and seeing that on a daily basis is incredible. He'll never give up in training, he'll never stop running, and it gives you that motivation to do the same.

HEALTHY COMPETITION

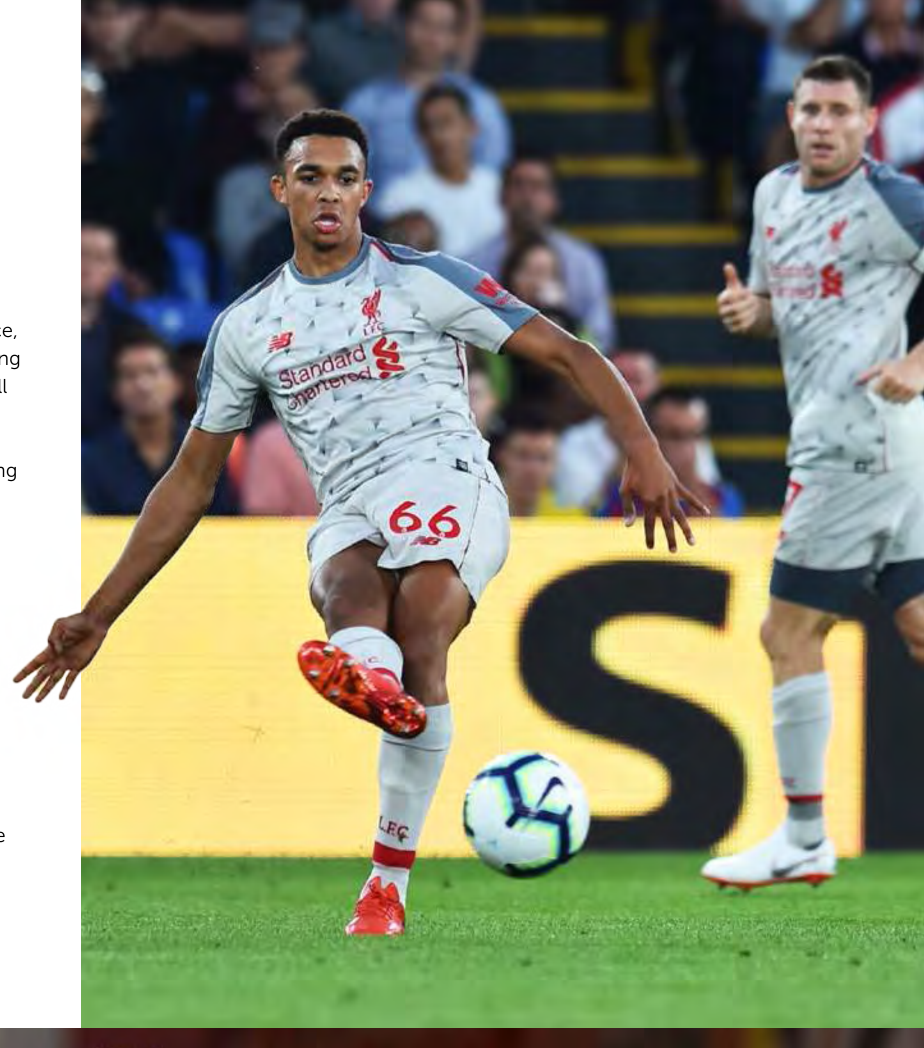
With the players that the manager's brought in this summer, there's two or three players for every position now and it's tough to get into the team. Everyone knows that when you get a chance, you've got to take it. With the run of fixtures that we've got coming up we know that not every player can play every game. There will be rotations and when they do happen that's when the manager will be looking for people to take their chance. No-one is taking their places for granted and we all want to stay in the team as long as possible.

FULLY FOCUSED

The relentless schedule means it takes your full concentration in every game that we play. There's no time to switch off so as soon as you step on to the pitch it needs to be 100 per cent focus for 95 minutes. That concentration factor is something that has been drilled into us. There's no time for rest – even between the games you need to stay focused and try to maintain your place.

If we keep going the way we have, if we keep the form up, then obviously there are possibilities, but for the time being we're just concentrating on each game. We can't get too far ahead of ourselves because no competition is won in November.

Personally I'd like to think that in the years ahead I can stay healthy and win a lot of trophies for both club and country. That's all I want to do – win as much as possible.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

I think I benefited from my time with England this summer: being around players from other clubs who have been successful and learning from the senior players and seeing what they do on a daily basis. Every day I'm around the squad I try and learn something from them and pick up little things that the seniors are doing.

One example would be in terms of what they do for recovery after a game and what they do to make sure that they're ready for the game coming up. At the World Cup there were games every four or five days which is particularly relevant for this time of year right now when we have such a busy schedule. I learnt things about eating habits, what time to go to bed and how much sleep you need. With that you can get the right recovery your body requires and make sure you're ready for the next game.

HOME TRUTHS

I am still living at home and I still have to help round the house! Do I have to wash the pots? No, because we've got a dishwasher! Doing tasks around the place is just part of being someone who's still living at home. I think it's only right to do that and that's the way I've been brought up. You're never too big to do jobs round the house and that's a good way of my family keeping my feet firmly on the ground.



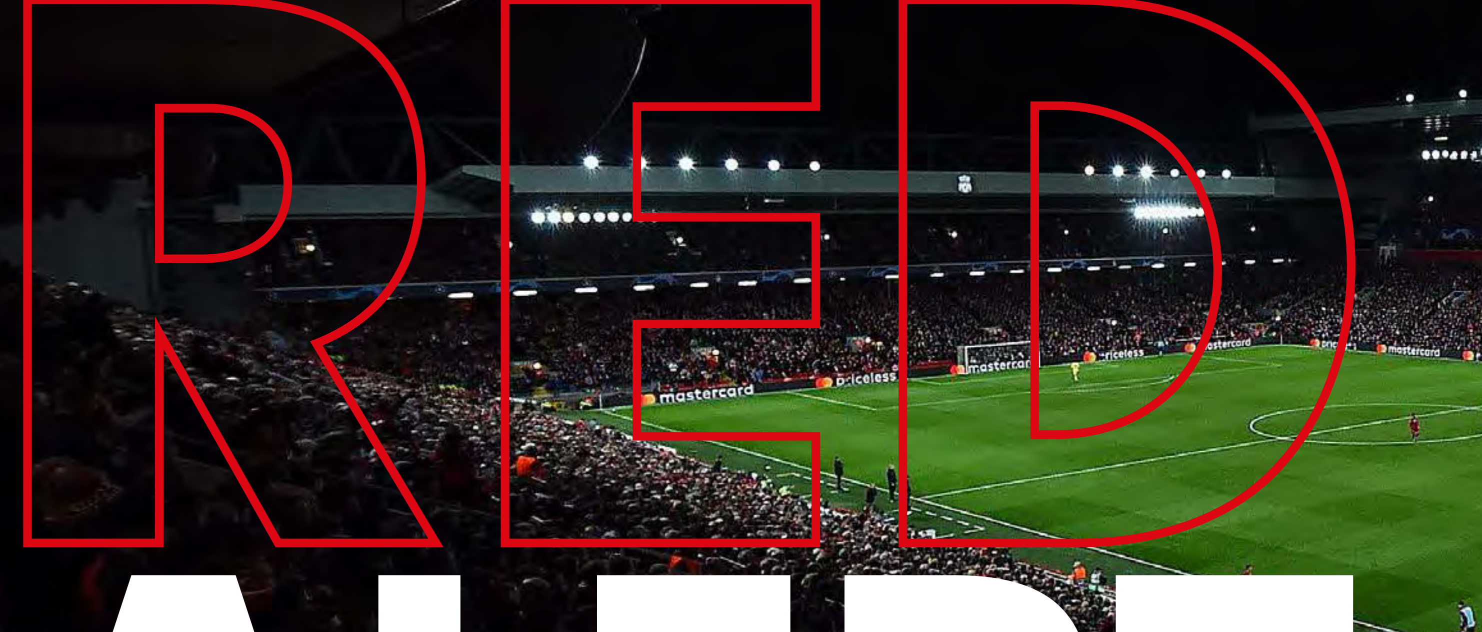


VIRGIL'S NEW SONG

Been singing the new Virgil van Dijk song to the tune of **Dirty Old Town** yet? Here's a reminder of the words: "He's our centre-half, he's our number four, watch him defend, and we watch him score. He'll pass the ball, calm as you like, he's Virgil van Dijk, he's Virgil van Dijk." It'll be in your head all month now...



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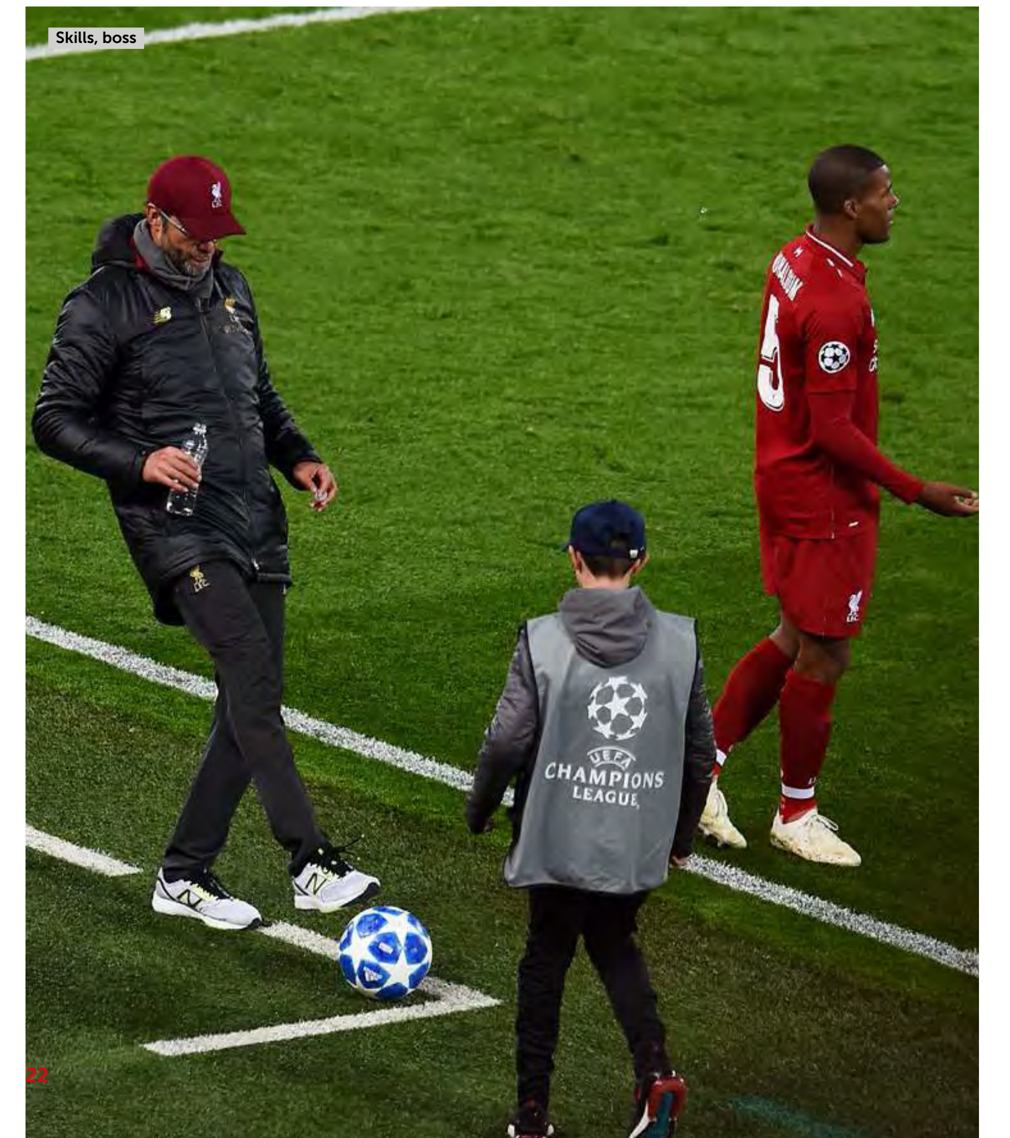


RED ALERT

The double-header with Red Star Belgrade brought very different outcomes as Liverpool triumph at Anfield but feel the heat in Serbia


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Mo scores his second of the night from the spot

Ya don't mess with the Virgil

Bobby firing home the first


No joy off Joe for Crvena

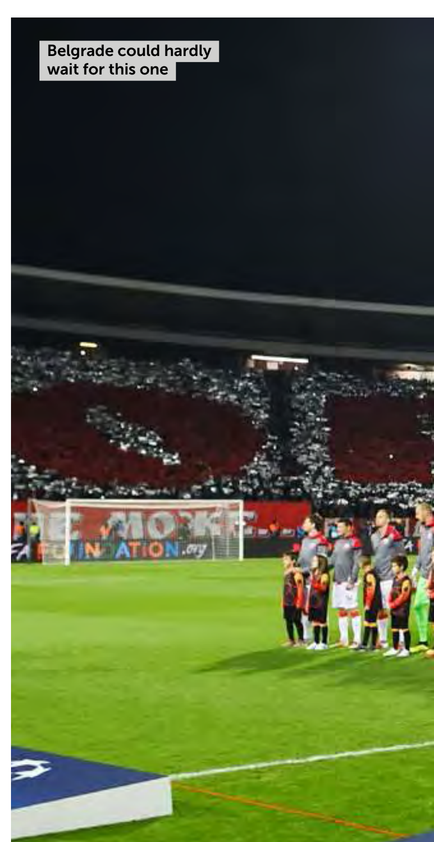




Salah's first –
unfancied right foot?

Job done – but it'll be tougher over there





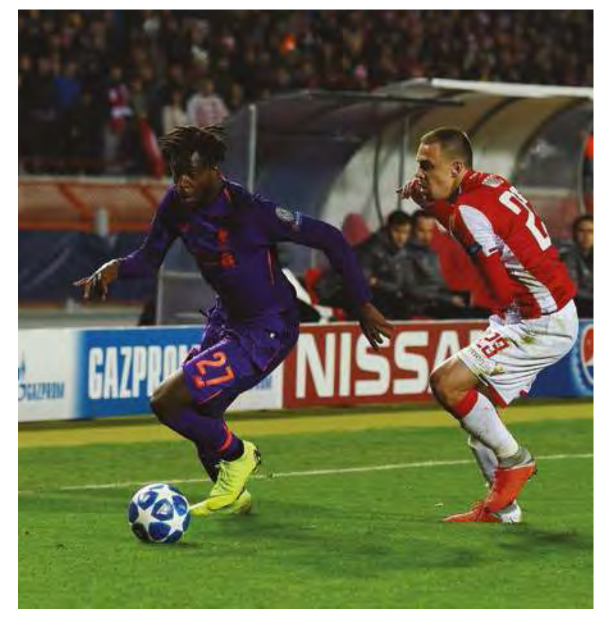
Belgrade could hardly wait for this one





Food for thought for the gaffer





Sadio can't quite find the target


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Milner full-blooded as always



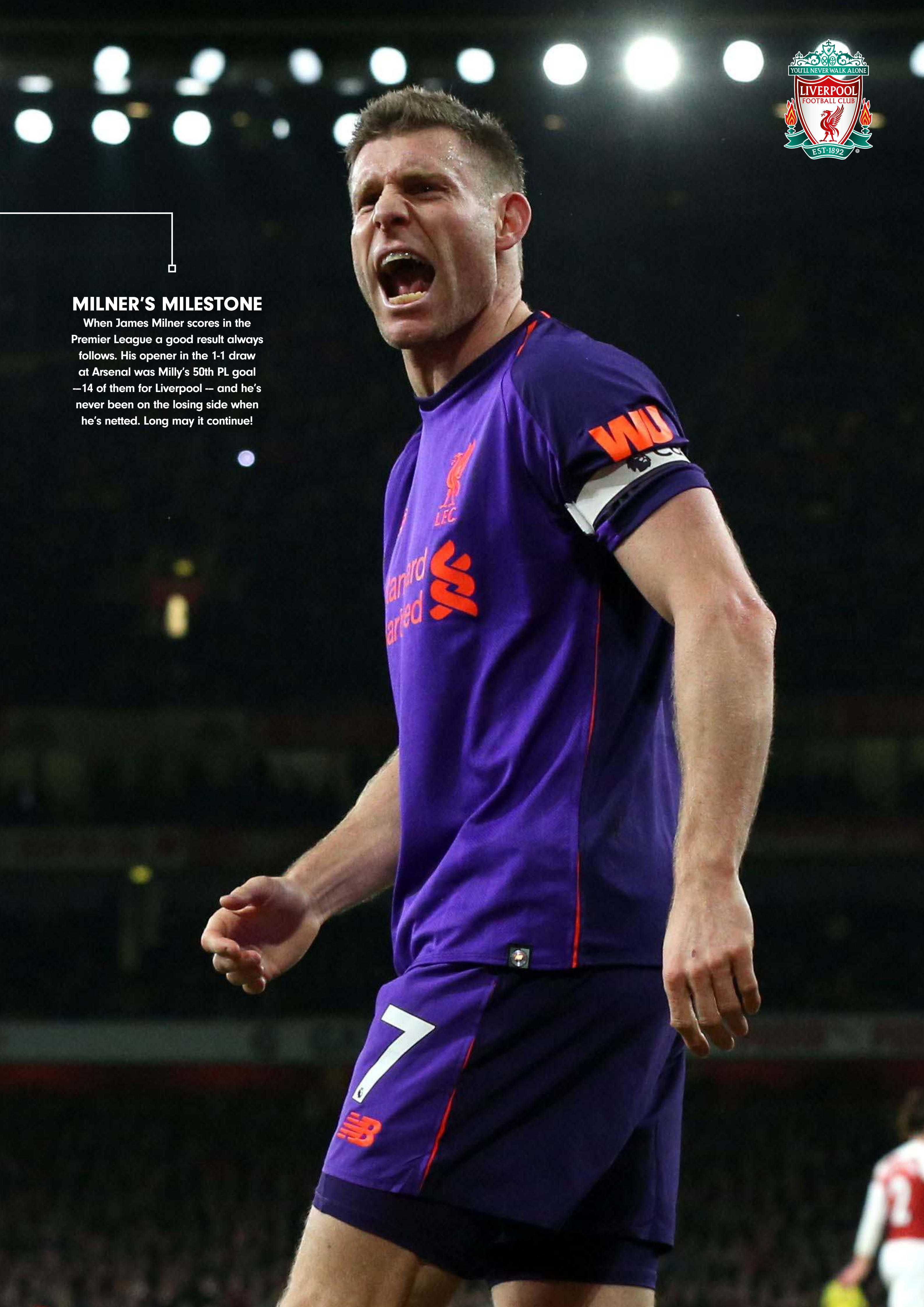


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MILNER'S MILESTONE

When James Milner scores in the Premier League a good result always follows. His opener in the 1-1 draw at Arsenal was Milly's 50th PL goal —14 of them for Liverpool -- and he's never been on the losing side when he's netted. Long may it continue!



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

For Gini Wijnaldum, everyone's favourite Dutch midfielder, the glass isn't so much as half-full as positively overflowing – and here's why

Interview: William Hughes



Our Dutch ace feels we're all in a good place right now

In the opening three months of the season Gini Wijnaldum's form has mirrored that of the whole Liverpool team – consistently impressive and impressively consistent.

Asked to assess his start to the season, the midfielder says: "I think that's the most important thing, that you are consistent in your way of playing and that you play good games to help the team. That's what I am trying to do. The other players help me and are a massive support for me in the games, and also the manager, the technical staff, the medical staff who keep me fit and so on.

"I think because of the support I've had from everyone, it makes it easier to stay consistent. I am happy with that and I hope that I can keep it like that until the end of the season!"

Operating as one of a midfield three is tough, mentally and physically, but Gini, who turned 28 on 11 November, is relishing the challenge. "It is really demanding with the way that we play but it is also something that suits me and something that I enjoy.

"I think it only gives you more confidence and joy when you see that you can do it and you can see the results: that you are winning games and winning your battles on the pitch, you are playing good games. It only gives you more enjoyment than you already had before."

September saw Wijnaldum sweep aide an infamous stat, too – finally his first Premier League goal away from home. It had been a strange quirk that his first 18 goals since moving to Newcastle United from PSV in the summer of 2015 had come at either St James' Park or Anfield.

Of course he did score a vital away-goal in last season's Champions League semi-final against AS Roma. And if the Olympic Stadium in Rome wasn't a bad venue to net his first away-goal for the Reds, Wembley was the perfect place to break his Premier League duck – heading home Liverpool's opener in the 2-1 success against Tottenham Hotspur earlier this term.

"Of course it was nice to score and I realise people had talked about it, but to be fair I don't play to shut people up, I play to enjoy the game. It was like all the other goals that I have scored, just a wonderful feeling. A wonderful feeling to score a goal and, of course, to help the team win a game in this case.

"It was not bigger than that because it was an away game or because it was at Wembley. It was a good game against Tottenham, a nice match and I was happy with the goal but maybe happier because the result was good. You can score a goal but then lose the game and then you will not be happy. But of course it's perfect



BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT I'VE HAD FROM EVERYONE IT MAKES IT EASIER TO STAY CONSISTENT AND OF COURSE I HOPE I CAN KEEP IT LIKE THAT UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON

if you score a goal and your team wins the game. It gives you a really good feeling."

Gini also believes the rhythm of matches has helped him find his groove. The period between the September and October international-breaks saw the Reds play seven games in 23 days, while the spell between the October and November national fixtures saw another six in the same time-frame. The game at Watford on Saturday 24 November begins a winter programme that will see Liverpool play eleven fixtures in 41 days up to and including the visit to Manchester City on Thursday 3 January.

"To be honest, I enjoy that routine. I have been in teams where we only played one game a week. If you ask players who only play one game a week with their team, 'Which would you rather play: one game a week or Champions League, cup games, playing with your country?' They would all say yes to that busy schedule. So that's why it is something that we have to embrace. We have to be happy that we are in the position that we can play so many games.

"The only down-side of it is that you have barely time to rest and when you get tired the chances of playing a bad game are much higher. That's why you need a big squad to help keep each other fit, but the training intensity has to be high and when you have a lot of games you can barely train.

"There are down-sides but overall I think everything else is nice. If you manage it well, you can stay on a good run, you can win games, you can enjoy it more and gain more confidence.

"If you play a bad game, you have a chance to make it right quickly, otherwise you have to wait a week and you know you will train with that feeling for seven days. So there are a lot of positive sides to playing a lot of games during a month. I enjoy it!"

Gini is also quick to highlight the role played by other departments at the club in helping the squad continue to be


With Virgil van Dijk in the Dutch national side

GINI'S GOALS FOR LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL 6 WATFORD 1 (6 NOV 2016)
Gini replaces Sadio Mane just after the hour-mark and gets the sixth with a tap-in at the Kop end after Daniel Sturridge's shot had been parried by substitute goalie Costel Pantilimon.



LIVERPOOL 1 MAN CITY 0 (31 DEC 2016)
Gini's fine header is the only goal of the game – he evades three City defenders to meet Adam Lallana's cross from the left and power his effort beyond keeper Claudio Bravo.



LIVERPOOL 1 CHELSEA 1 (31 JAN 2017)
Another important header, this time earning the Reds a point. James Milner heads Jordan Henderson's delivery back across the six-yard area and Gini beats keeper Thibaut Courtois.



No quarter given against Manchester City

WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN THE RUN TO THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL LAST SEASON WAS SO WONDERFUL THAT I WANT TO ACHIEVE IT AGAIN. I WANT TO ACHIEVE IT EVERY YEAR – THAT IS MORE MY MOTIVATION RATHER THAN HAVING TO DO IT BETTER THAN LAST SEASON

successful during such intense spells. They may operate behind the glare of the spotlight but the midfield man says their work is invaluable and that they are all valued by everyone on the playing staff.

"A lot of people don't know them but the technical team, the medical staff and the analysts are all vital in keeping the squad fit and prepared.


That goal in Rome last season

"They tell us how far we can go in training because sometimes you feel like you can do more, but they know better so they will tell you that it's not good to do more. The other side is that sometimes if you don't want to do something because you're tired they may say it's better to do it because you will recover quicker.

"The team-work has to be good with all the different departments to help you get the best out of things. They are really important. You can't take one out of the equation and say, 'Okay, we don't really need this one'. To make things easier for ourselves, we really need the whole staff – 100 per cent."

The Dutch ace put in another high-class performance against Red Star Belgrade last month, leaving the Reds in pole position at the halfway stage in Group C of the UEFA Champions League after meeting the other three teams.

Having played such a big part in the run to the final last season, Gini would love to help the team make their mark in the competition again but says the disappointment of Kiev does not provide any extra motivation. "To be fair I don't really want to use the down-side of last season to motivate myself.

"What we achieved in the run to the final last season was so wonderful that I want to achieve it again. I want to achieve it every



year so that is more my motivation, not that we have to do it better than last season.

"Everyone can make mistakes, everyone can lose games, but the journey through to the final was a really wonderful journey so that's more been my motivation from the beginning this season. If you want it again then you have to give everything, and to be fair that's what we are doing. We all saw how beautiful it was and we all want it again so we will do everything to reach that stage again.

"In my first season here we were that club playing one game a week if there were no domestic cup fixtures. At that time we were saying, 'Okay, we want to play Champions League'. And the year after we finally got that and we saw how beautiful it was. So yes, we want to do things as well as possible in the Champions League.

"We know it's difficult but it was difficult last season also, so let's hope we can do it again and bring it to a better end this season."

The month of September saw Gini notch up a couple of statistical milestones which gave him particular pride. The 1-1 draw with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge was his 100th outing in a Liverpool shirt. A couple of weeks earlier he'd won his 50th international cap for the Netherlands against world champions France in Paris.

He had made his first appearance in the famous orange jersey back in September 2011, scoring his side's eleventh and final goal in a Euro 2012 rout of San Marino after coming on as a late substitute. It was Holland's record win.

"I am really proud to have achieved those things. When you are young you want to play for your country and I am happy that I could reach the 50. It is an achievement that not everyone will reach so if you can do it, you have to be happy about it.

"I am really, really pleased that I could reach that amount of games because to do that you have to stay fit and, of course, a lot of the international games come during the season so it is difficult to play them all.

"I hope that I can make more appearances. I hope that I can play for a long time for a big team like Liverpool and for the national team. That would be nice. I see how wonderful this life is every day and if you can have it for a lot of years, it makes you a happy person as well. Fingers crossed, it will stay like that!"

Following a 2-1 defeat at the Stade de France in that opening UEFA Nations League clash, the Netherlands bounced back with a stunning display against Germany in Amsterdam. The Oranje won 3-0 with Gini completing the scoring with a fine goal in stoppage-time after captain and Reds team-mate Virgil van Dijk and Memphis Depay had put Ronald Koeman's side two-up.

After a difficult spell that had seen Holland fail to qualify for the finals of Euro 2016 and this summer's World Cup, it's hoped that result can provide a springboard for future successes. "We have to win a lot more games before we can think about being back at our best level, but it is a good beginning.

"Although we lost against France I think we deserved more in the way that we were playing, so that was already a good start, and the game against Germany was also encouraging. It was nice to

LIVERPOOL 3 ARSENAL 1 (4 MAR 2017)

A last-minute strike that clinches a deserved victory. Adam Lallana's raking pass picks out substitute Divock Origi who crosses low and Gini does the rest from close-range.



LIVERPOOL 2 BURNLEY 1 (19 MAR 2017)

A vital goal to keep Champions League qualification on course. At the end of the first half Divock Origi's ball into the area is pounced upon by Gini who buries his finish past Tom Heaton.



LIVERPOOL 3 MIDDLESBROUGH 0 (21 MAY 2017)

A perfectly-weighted flick from Roberto Firmino sends Gini sprinting between Boro defenders and into the box and he opts for power to beat Brad Guzan at his near-post.





SOMETIMES THE PERFORMANCES HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN REALLY GOOD BUT THEY HAVE BEEN SOLID AND THAT HAS BEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT THING



continue from the game against France. We have a better feeling because in the past we have had games that we were winning but not really playing well or being solid. So this gave us a better feeling because we played well and we got the result."

The remaining Nations League group games take place this month with Holland hosting France in Rotterdam on 16 November before taking on Germany in Gelsenkirchen three days later.

"The Nations League is certainly a test. When you play in the highest category, you play against good teams which is what you want. I know a few years ago sometimes you would play friendlies against good teams but then also play games against teams who were not as strong. You want to play against the best teams in the world and now we have that with playing against France and Germany."

Back to domestic duties and after picking up 26 points from the possible 30, manager Jürgen Klopp has described Liverpool's start to the season as "a base" from which to move forward. Gini hopes the team can keep going about their business in a productive fashion in the weeks and months ahead.

"We all hope that! We have to make sure that during the season we understand what we have to do to reach something because we're in good shape and we're on a good run. We have to understand why we have had this good run – because we have been focused and have given 100 per cent every game.

"Sometimes the performances have not always been really good but they have been solid and that has been the most important thing. Now we know what we can expect from each other and we have to stay like that.

"I have to say the manager's doing a great job with that. He keeps us with both feet on the ground and shows us that it's not for nothing that we're here, that we have really worked for it but that we still have to work to do because otherwise we will lose everything. I hope we can keep it going to the end of the season and that we can reach something."

LIVERPOOL 3 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 0 (28 OCT 2017)

Three second-half goals give the Reds a win over the Terriers with Gini providing the coup de grace 15 minutes from time, lashing the ball into the roof of the net as visiting defenders back away.



ROMA 4 LIVERPOOL 2 (2 MAY 2018)

Gini's first Reds goal way from home and it proves vital in this Champions League semi-final second leg. Edin Dzeko tries to clear a corner but his header is poor and Gini steals in to head past a certain Alisson Becker.



TOTTENHAM 1 LIVERPOOL 2 (15 SEPT 2018)

Technology adjudges Wijnaldum's first-half header to have crossed the line at Wembley despite the attempts of Spurs keeper Michel Vorm to clear.

* Up to and including 27 October 2018.




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THE FAB THREE

Not too many players make their first three starts for Liverpool in three different competitions but Fabinho did against Chelsea (League Cup), Red Star (Champions League) and Huddersfield (Premier League). Just the FA Cup to tick off next then!

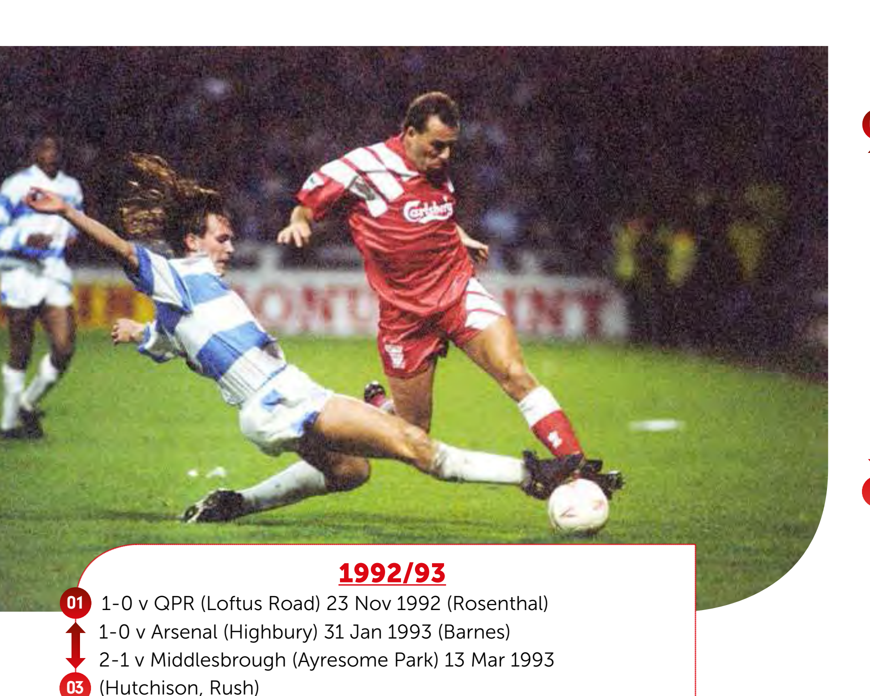

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200 PREMIER LEAGUE AWAY WINS

The 1-0 victory at Huddersfield Town last month was a milestone moment for Liverpool FC and here are the stats and happy memories to prove it...enjoy!

Words: Chris McLoughlin



1992/93

01 1-0 v QPR (Loftus Road) 23 Nov 1992 (Rosenthal)
1-0 v Arsenal (Highbury) 31 Jan 1993 (Barnes)
2-1 v Middlesbrough (Ayresome Park) 13 Mar 1993
03 (Hutchison, Rush)

ROCKET RONNY

Having failed to win any of their opening seven Premier League away games Graeme Souness' Reds finally broke their duck on a Monday night at QPR courtesy of an 88th-minute Ronny Rosenthal winner. The Israeli striker shook off Darren Peacock (above) before blasting a left-footed shot into the Rangers net for Premier League away-win number one.

1993/94

04 3-1 v QPR (Loftus Road) 18 Aug 1993 (Rush, Nicol, Clough)
5-0 v Swindon Town (County Ground) 22 Aug 1993 (Ruddock, McManaman 2, Whelan, Marsh)
2-1 v Ipswich Town (Portman Road) 1 Jan 1994 (Ruddock, Rush)
3-0 v Oldham Athletic (Boundary Park) 15 Jan 1994 (Dicks, Fowler, Redknapp)
2-1 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 23 April 1994 (Fowler,
08 Rush)

ROCKIN' ROBINS

Swindon Town only spent a year in the Premier League and were no match for the Reds who knocked Everton off the top of the table with a thumping 5-0 win. Neil Ruddock opened the scoring, Steve McManaman (below) bagged a brace, Ronnie Whelan netted his 73rd and final Liverpool goal and Mike Marsh rounded things off with a cracking curler.

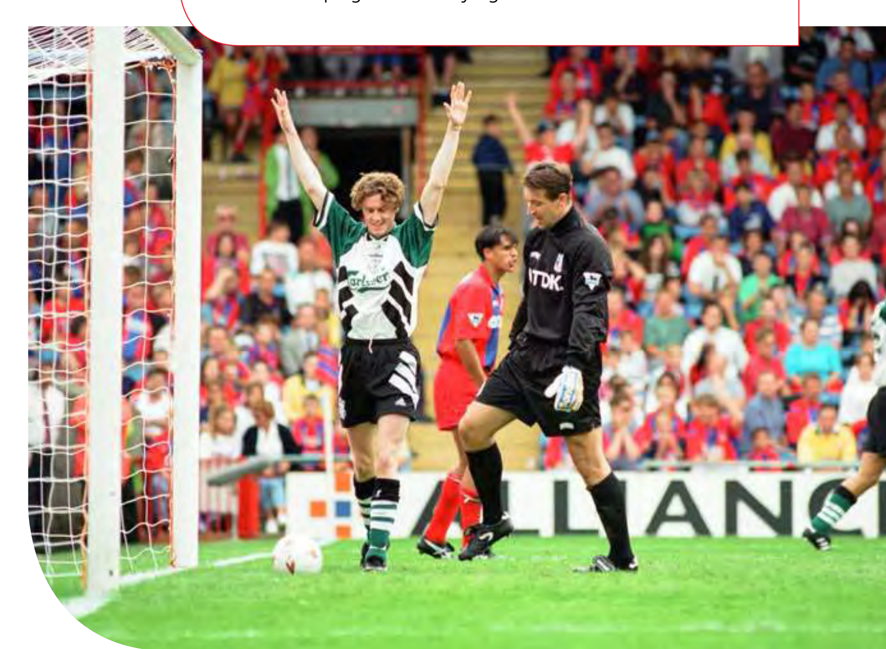


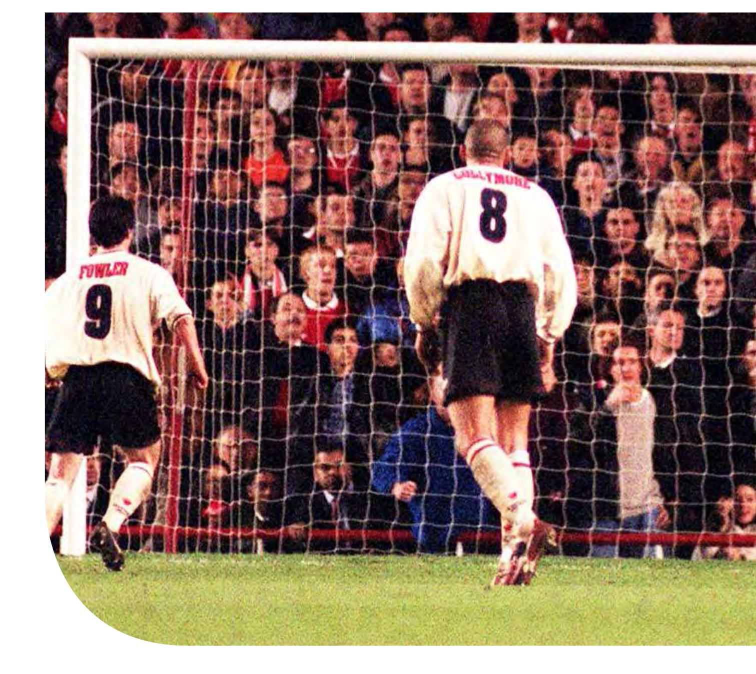
1994/95

09 6-1 v Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park) 20 Aug 1994 (Molby pen, McManaman 2, Fowler, Rush 2)
2-0 v Southampton (The Dell) 31 Aug 1994 (Fowler, Barnes)
3-1 v Ipswich Town (Portman Road) 29 Oct 1994 (Barnes, Fowler 2)
2-1 v Leicester City (Filbert Street) 26 Dec 1994 (Fowler pen, Rush)
2-0 v Leeds United (Elland Road) 31 Dec 1994 (Redknapp, Fowler)
2-1 v Sheffield Wednesday (Hillsborough) 25 Feb 1995 (Barnes, McManaman)
1-0 v Arsenal (Highbury) 12 Apr 1995 (Fowler)
2-1 v Norwich City (Carrow Road) 29 Apr 1995 (Harkness,
16 Fowler)

SIX OF THE BEST

Liverpool kicked off Roy Evans' first full season in charge of the team with half-a-dozen goals at Selhurst Park as Steve McManaman was unleashed in a new roving midfield role for the first time. He netted twice – as did Ian Rush – with a Jan Molby penalty and a strike from Robbie Fowler getting the 1994/95 campaign off to a flying start.



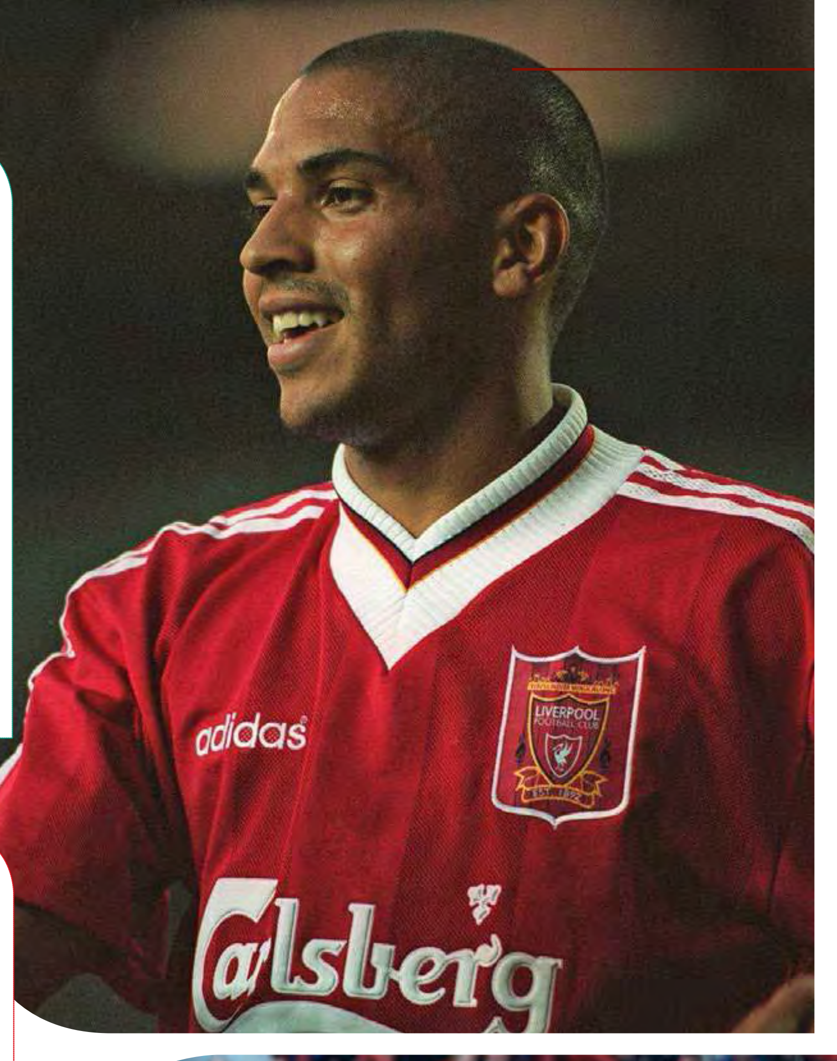


1995/96

17 3-1 v Tottenham Hotspur (White Hart Lane) 26 Aug 1995 (Barnes 2, Fowler)
3-1 v Southampton (The Dell) 22 Oct 1995 (McManaman 2, Redknapp)
1-0 v Bolton Wanderers (Burnden Park) 9 Dec 1995 (Collymore)
2-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 31 Jan 1996 (Collymore, Fowler)
2-1 v QPR (Loftus Road) 11 Feb 1996 (Wright, Fowler)
3-2 v Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park) 24 Feb 1996
22 (Collymore 2, Thomas)

COLLY WOBBLE

The Beatles once sung about 4,000 holes in Blackburn, Lancashire, but it only took one divot to send Stan Collymore's mis-hit shot over Tim Flowers to open the scoring. Stan's second from a direct free-kick was better but it was Michael Thomas who netted the decisive goal with Jason Wilcox and Tim Sherwood scoring for champions Rovers.



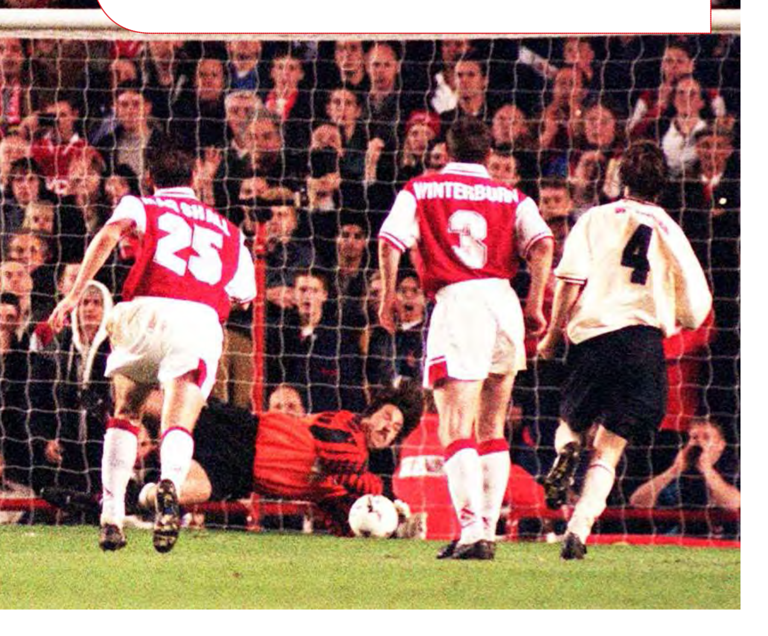
1996/97

23 1-0 v Coventry City (Highfield Road) 4 Sept 1996 (Babb)
3-0 v Leicester City (Filbert Street) 15 Sept 1996 (Berger 2, Thomas)
2-1 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 29 Sept 1996 (Collymore, Thomas)
2-0 v Leeds United (Elland Road) 16 Nov 1996 (Ruddock, McManaman)
2-0 v Tottenham Hotspur (White Hart Lane) 2 Dec 1996 (Thomas, McManaman)
1-0 v Southampton (The Dell) 29 Dec 1996 (Barnes)
1-0 v Derby County (Baseball Ground) 1 Feb 1997 (Collymore)
2-1 v Arsenal (Highbury) 24 Mar 1997 (Collymore, McAteer)
2-1 v Sunderland (Roker Park) 13 Apr 1997 (Fowler,
31 McManaman)

HONESTLY, ROBBIE

Already a Collymore goal up, ecru-shirted Liverpool were awarded a penalty by referee Gerald Ashby after Robbie Fowler was impeded by David Seaman only for 'God' to tell the ref there was no contact. The decision stood and although Seaman saved Fowler's spot-kick (below) Jason McAteer converted the rebound before Ian Wright's consolation.





1997/98

32 2-0 v Leeds United (Elland Road) 26 Aug 1997 (McManaman, Riedle)
1-0 v Arsenal (Highbury) 30 Nov 1997 (McManaman)
3-0 v Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park) 13 Dec 1997 (McManaman, Owen, Leonhardsen)
2-1 v Newcastle United (St James' Park) 28 Dec 1997 (McManaman 2)
36 3-2 v Barnsley (Oakwell) 28 Mar 1998 (Riedle 2, McManaman)

TYKE THAT

One of the craziest of Liverpool's 200 away wins (above), Barnsley had three men sent off and ref Gary Willard walked off the pitch for his own protection after an irate home fan was wrestled to the ground by Tykes striker Jan Aage Fjortoft. Karlheinz Riedle scored twice but eight-man Barnsley hit back only for Steve McManaman to win it in the 90th minute.

1998/99

37 2-1 v Southampton (The Dell) 16 Aug 1998 (Riedle, Owen)
4-1 v Newcastle United (St James' Park) 30 Aug 1998 (Owen 3, Berger)
4-2 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 21 Nov 1998 (Ince, Fowler 3)
3-1 v Middlesbrough (Riverside Stadium) 26 Dec 1998 (Owen, Redknapp, Heggem)
3-1 v Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park) 24 Apr 1999
41 (McManaman, Redknapp, Leonhardsen)

SEXY FOOTBALL!

Michael Owen (right) became the first hat-trick-scorer in a Liverpool Premier League away win with a stunning 15-minute treble that included an outstanding solo goal. Patrik Berger was also on target before half-time to have travelling Kopites chanting "Sexy football!" after new Magpies boss Ruud Gullit said that's what his Newcastle team would play.



1999/2000

42 2-1 v Sheffield Wednesday (Hillsborough) 7 Aug 1999 (Fowler, Camara)
2-1 v Leeds United (Elland Road) 23 Aug 1999 (Camara, Radebe og)
2-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 20 Nov 1999 (Owen, Berger)
3-2 v Watford (Vicarage Road) 15 Jan 2000 (Berger, Thompson, Smicer)
1-0 v Arsenal (Highbury) 13 Feb 2000 (Camara)
2-0 v Derby County (Pride Park) 18 Mar 2000 (Owen, Camara)
3-0 v Coventry City (Highfield Road) 1 Apr 2000 (Owen 2, Heskey)
49 2-1 v Wimbledon (Selhurst Park) 16 Apr 2000 (Heskey 2)

RETURN TO HILLSBOROUGH

Ten years after we lost 96 members of our family at Hillsborough, Gerard Houllier's side beat the Owls 2-1 in what remains Liverpool's most recent visit to Sheffield Wednesday. Robbie Fowler and new signing Titi Camara (right) both scored within nine second-half minutes at the Lepping's Lane end. Benito Carbone pulled a late goal back.



2000/01

50 4-0 v Derby County (Pride Park) 15 Oct 2000 (Heskey 3, Berger)
1-0 v Manchester United (Old Trafford) 17 Dec 2000 (Murphy)
3-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 13 Jan 2001 (Murphy 2, Gerrard)
3-2 v Everton (Goodison Park) 16 Apr 2001 (Heskey, Babbel, McAllister)
2-0 v Coventry City (Highfield Road) 28 Apr 2001 (Hyypia, McAllister)
2-0 v Bradford City (Valley Parade) 1 May 2001 (Owen, McAllister)
4-0 v Charlton Athletic (The Valley) 19 May 2001 (Fowler 2,
56 Murphy, Owen)

MERSEY MADNESS

It took eight years to get a Premier League Merseyside derby win at Goodison Park but it arrived in dramatic fashion when Gary McAllister scored with a free-kick from over 40-yards out in the 96th minute. By that point Emile Heskey, Duncan Ferguson, Markus Babbel and David Unsworth (pen) had scored plus Igor Biscan had been sent off. Just crazy!



2001/02

57 3-1 v Everton (Goodison Park) 15 Sept 2001 (Gerrard, Owen pen, Riise)
2-0 v Newcastle United (St James Park) 30 Sept 2001 (Riise, Murphy)
4-1 v Leicester City (Filbert Street) 20 Oct 2001 (Fowler 3, Hyypia)
2-0 v Charlton Athletic (The Valley) 27 Oct 2001 (Redknapp, Owen)
1-0 v Derby County (Pride Park) 1 Dec 2001 (Owen)
2-1 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 26 Dec 2001 (Litmanen, Smicer)
1-0 v Manchester United (Old Trafford) 22 Jan 2002 (Murphy)
4-0 v Leeds United (Elland Road) 3 Feb 2002 (Ferdinand og, Heskey 2, Owen)
6-0 v Ipswich Town (Portman Road) 9 Feb 2002 (Xavier, Heskey 2, Hyypia, Owen 2)
2-0 v Fulham (Craven Cottage) 2 Mar 2002 (Anelka, Litmanen)
2-1 v Middlesbrough (Riverside Stadium) 16 Mar 2002 (Heskey, Riise)
68 1-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 13 Apr 2002 (Owen)

DANNY BOY

A year after scoring a first Premier League away winner for Liverpool at Old Trafford, Danny Murphy (right) repeated the trick with a deft, clipped finish over Red Devils goalkeeper Fabien Barthez from Steven Gerrard's pass. The Reds have beaten Manchester United five times at Old Trafford in the Premier League and Murphy has netted the winner in three of them, all ending 1-0.





2002/03

69 1-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 18 Aug 2002 (Riise)
3-2 v Bolton Wanderers (Reebok Stadium) 14 Sept 2002 (Baros 2, Heskey)
3-0 v Manchester City (Maine Road) 28 Sept 2002 (Owen 3)
1-0 v Leeds United (Elland Road) 19 Oct 2002 (Diao)
1-0 v Southampton (St Mary's) 18 Jan 2003 (Heskey)
3-0 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 2 Feb 2003 (Baros, Gerrard, Heskey)
3-2 v Tottenham Hotspur (White Hart Lane) 16 Mar 2003 (Owen, Heskey, Gerrard)
2-1 v Everton (Goodison Park) 19 Apr 2003 (Owen, Murphy)
77 6-0 v West Bromwich Albion (The Hawthorns) 26 Apr 2003 (Owen 4, Baros 2)

MICKEY TAKING

Liverpool have only ever won six games 6-0 away from home and this was the second of four of them in the Premier League with strike-partners Michael Owen and Milan Baros (above) leading the WBA defence a merry dance. Baros got a couple but Owen netted four – a tally no other player has managed for the Reds in an away PL victory before or since.

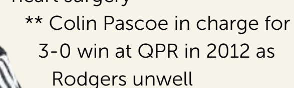
MOST WINS: OPPOSITION

13 Aston Villa
11 West Ham
10 Everton, Sunderland
8 Fulham, Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur
7 Arsenal, Newcastle United
6 Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Leeds United, Leicester City, Norwich City, West Bromwich Albion
5 Derby County, Manchester United, QPR
4 Charlton Athletic, Manchester City, Middlesbrough, Stoke City, Wigan Athletic
3 Burnley, Coventry City, Ipswich Town, Portsmouth, Watford
2 AFC Bournemouth, Huddersfield Town, Swansea City, Wolverhampton Wanderers
1 Barnsley, Birmingham City, Bradford City, Brighton & Hove Albion, Cardiff City, Hull City, Reading, Sheffield Wednesday, Oldham Athletic, Swindon Town, Wimbledon

MOST WINS: MANAGER

48 Rafael Benitez
45 Gerard Houllier*
30 Jürgen Klopp
29 Roy Evans
26 Brendan Rodgers**
12 Kenny Dalglish
7 Graeme Souness
2 Roy Evans/Gerard Houllier
1 Roy Hodgson

* Phil Thompson in charge for nine wins in 2001/02 as Houllier recovered from heart surgery



** Colin Pascoe in charge for 3-0 win at QPR in 2012 as Rodgers unwell



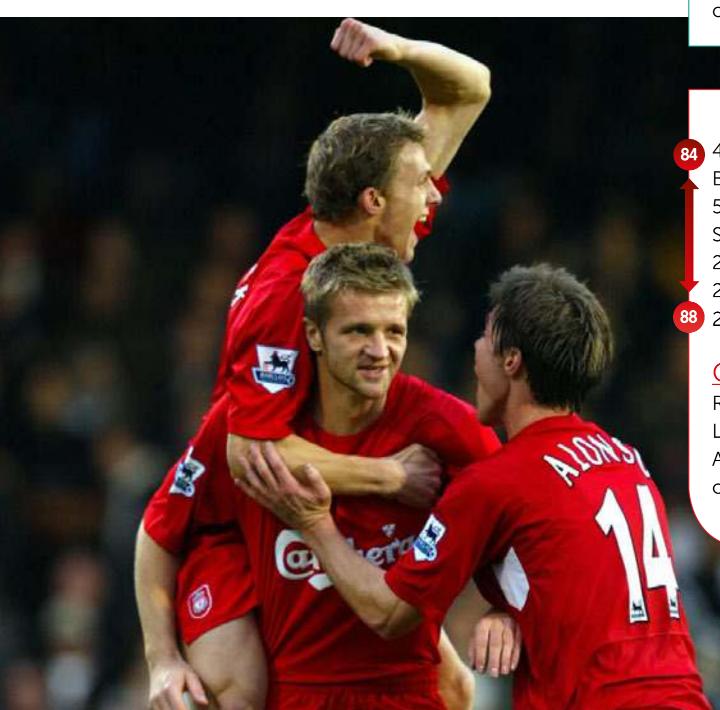


2003/04

78 3-0 v Everton (Goodison Park) 30 Aug 2003 (Owen 2, Kewell)
3-1 v Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park) 13 Sept 2003 (Owen 2 inc pen, Kewell)
2-1 v Fulham (Loftus Road) 2 Nov 2003 (Heskey, Murphy pen)
1-0 v Chelsea (Stamford Bridge) 7 Jan 2004 (Cheyrou)
1-0 v Manchester United (Old Trafford) 24 Apr 2004 (Murphy)
83 3-0 v Birmingham City (St Andrews) 8 May 2004 (Owen, Heskey, Gerrard)

CHELSEA 0 CHEYROU 1

Stamford Bridge had become something of a bogey ground for the Reds, who hadn't won there in 14 visits since 1989. But that ghost was laid to rest by unlikely match-winner Bruno Cheyrou's first-half strike (left) despite El-Hadji Diouf being dismissed and French keeper Patrice Luzi coming on for his only LFC app after Jerzy Dudek went off injured.



2004/05

84 4-2 v Fulham (Craven Cottage) 16 Oct 2004 (Knight og, Baros, Alonso, Biscan)
5-0 v West Bromwich Albion (The Hawthorns) 26 Dec 2004 (Riise 2, Sinama-Pongolle, Gerrard, Garcia)
2-1 v Norwich City (Carrow Road) 3 Jan 2005 (Garcia, Riise)
2-1 v Charlton Athletic (The Valley) 1 Feb 2005 (Morientes, Riise)
88 2-1 v Portsmouth (Fratton Park) 20 Apr 2005 (Morientes, Garcia)

COTTAGE INDUSTRY

Rafa Benitez's first PL away win was a stirring comeback at Fulham after Luis Boa Morte put the hosts 2-0 up before half-time. On came Xabi Alonso to transform the game, scoring Liverpool's third after a Zat Knight own goal and Milan Baros effort, before Igor Biscan (left) fired home a fourth on the day *Ring of Fire* caught on among travelling Kopites.



2005/06

89 2-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 5 Nov 2005 (Gerrard pen, Alonso)
1-0 v Manchester City (CoM Stadium) 26 Nov 2005 (Riise)
2-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 30 Nov 2005 (Garcia, Gerrard)
3-1 v Everton (Goodison Park) 28 Dec 2005 (Crouch, Gerrard, Cisse)
1-0 v Wigan Athletic (JJB Stadium) 11 Feb 2006 (Hyypia)
3-1 v Newcastle United (St James' Park) 19 Mar 2006 (Crouch, Gerrard, Cisse pen)
2-0 v West Bromwich Albion (The Hawthorns) 1 Apr 2006 (Fowler, Cisse)
1-0 v Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park) 16 Apr 2006 (Fowler)
2-1 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 26 Apr 2006 (Cisse 2)
98 3-1 v Portsmouth (Fratton Park) 7 May 2006 (Fowler, Crouch, Cisse)

BEATING THE BLUES

Only once has the Merseyside derby been played between Christmas and New Year in the Premier League era and it was Rafa's Reds that won the festive bragging rights. Peter Crouch and Steven Gerrard scored in the opening 18 minutes and although James Beattie netted, Djibril Cisse (left) sealed the win before Phil Neville and Mikel Arteta saw red.

2006/07

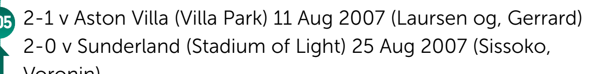
99 4-0 v Wigan Athletic (JJB Stadium) 2 Dec 2006 (Bellamy 2, Kuyt, McCulloch og)
3-0 v Charlton Athletic (The Valley) 16 Dec 2006 (Alonso pen), Bellamy, Gerrard)
1-0 v Tottenham Hotspur (White Hart Lane) 30 Dec 2006 (Garcia)
3-0 v Watford (Vicarage Road) 13 Jan 2007 (Bellamy, Crouch 2)
2-1 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 30 Jan 2007 (Kuyt, Crouch)
104 2-1 v Reading (Madejski Stadium) 7 Apr 2007 (Arbeloa, Kuyt)

WIGAN WARRIORS

"You should've stuck to the rugby!" sang travelling Kopites after seeing their side hit four first-half goals at Wigan to end a seven-month wait for an away league win. Craig Bellamy's double (right), another from Dirk Kuyt and a Lee McCulloch own-goal did the damage with ex-Reds keeper Chris Kirkland in goal for the Latics who also had Emile Heskey upfront.



2007/08



105 2-1 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 11 Aug 2007 (Laursen og, Gerrard)
2-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 25 Aug 2007 (Sissoko, Voronin)
1-0 v Wigan Athletic (JJB Stadium) 29 Sept 2007 (Benayoun)
2-1 v Everton (Goodison Park) 20 Oct 2007 (Kuyt 2 pens)
3-0 v Newcastle United (St James' Park) 24 Nov 2007 (Gerrard, Kuyt, Babel)
2-1 v Derby County (Pride Park) 26 Dec 2007 (Torres, Gerrard)
3-1 v Bolton Wanderers (Reebok Stadium) 2 Mar 2008 (Jaaskelainen og, Babel, Aurelio)
2-0 v Fulham (Craven Cottage) 19 Apr 2008 (Pennant, Crouch)
113 2-0 v Tottenham Hotspur (White Hart Lane) 11 May 2008 (Voronin, Torres)

HEROES AND VILLANS

Liverpool have won more Premier League away games (13) at Villa Park than at any other ground and this 2-1 win on the opening day of season 2007/08 was the most dramatic. An 86th-minute Gareth Barry penalty cancelled out a first-half Martin Laursen OG but just a minute later Steve Gerrard curled in a stunning free-kick winner from 30 yards out (right).





2008/09

114 1-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 16 Aug 2008 (Torres)
2-0 v Everton (Goodison Park) 27 Sept 2008 (Torres 2)
3-2 v Manchester City (CoM Stadium) 5 Oct 2008 (Torres 2, Kuyt)
1-0 v Chelsea (Stamford Bridge) 26 Oct 2008 (Alonso)
2-0 v Bolton Wanderers (Reebok Stadium) 15 Nov 2008 (Kuyt, Gerrard)
3-1 v Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park) 6 Dec 2008 (Alonso, Benayoun, Gerrard)
5-1 v Newcastle United (St James' Park) 28 Dec 2008 (Gerrard 2, Hyypia, Babel, Alonso pen)
3-2 v Portsmouth (Fratton Park) 7 Feb 2009 (Aurelio, Kuyt, Torres)
4-1 v Manchester United (Old Trafford) 14 Mar 2009 (Torres, Gerrard pen, Aurelio, Dossena)
1-0 v Fulham (Craven Cottage) 4 Apr 2009 (Benayoun)
3-1 v Hull City (KC Stadium) 25 Apr 2009 (Alonso, Kuyt 2)
3-0 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 9 May 2009 (Gerrard 2, Babel)
126 2-0 v West Bromwich Albion (The Hawthorns) 17 May 2009 (Gerrard, Kuyt)

TWO-NIL DOWN...

Comeback-kings Liverpool were at it again under Rafa Benitez after going into the break at Manchester City 2-0 down. Fernando Torres turned things around with goals in the 55th and 72nd minutes to set up a dramatic finale that ended with Dirk Kuyt (left) converting Torres' deflected shot to spark pure bedlam among travelling Kopites in the away end.

2009/10

127 3-2 v Bolton Wanderers (Reebok Stadium) 29 Aug 2009 (Johnson, Torres, Gerrard)
3-2 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 19 Sept 2009 (Torres 2, Kuyt)
2-0 v Everton (Goodison Park) 29 Nov 2009 (Yobo og, Kuyt)
1-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 29 Dec 2009 (Torres)
131 4-0 v Burnley (Turf Moor) 25 Apr 2010 (Gerrard 2, Rodriguez, Babel)

RAFA'S RECORD

No Liverpool manager has won more Premier League away games than Rafa Benitez and his 48th and final success came at Burnley's Turf Moor. Steven Gerrard put himself ninth on LFC's all-time goalscorers list with a second-half double and Ryan Babel (right) completed the rout after Maxi Rodriquez had struck his first goal for the Redmen.





2010/11

132 1-0 v Bolton Wanderers (Reebok Stadium) 31 Oct 2010 (Rodriguez)
3-0 v Wolverhampton Wanderers (Molineux) 22 Jan 2011 (Torres 2, Meireles)
1-0 v Chelsea (Stamford Bridge) 6 Feb 2011 (Meireles)
2-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 20 Mar 2011 (Kuyt pen, Suarez)
136 5-2 v Fulham (Craven Cottage) 9 May 2011 (Rodriguez 3, Kuyt, Suarez)

MAXI-MUM POINTS

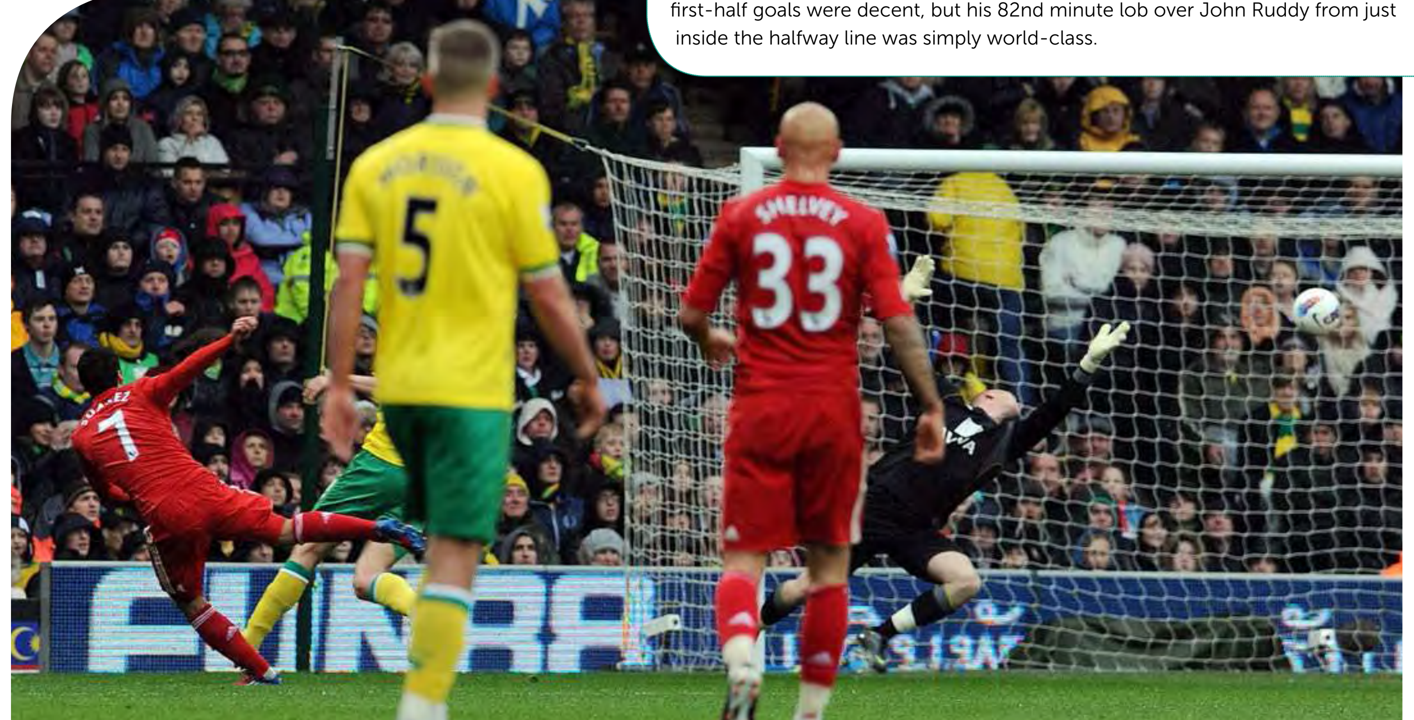
Out of Liverpool's opening 200 Premier League away-wins only one came under the management of Roy Hodgson – a 1-0 victory at Bolton on Halloween. The Reds left it frighteningly late with Maxi Rodriguez netting an 86th-minute winner (right) to claim three points that lifted Liverpool out of the relegation zone having spent a worrying fortnight in it.

2011/12

137 2-0 v Arsenal (The Emirates) 20 Aug 2011 (Ramsey og, Suarez)
2-0 v Everton (Goodison Park) 1 Oct 2011 (Carroll, Suarez)
2-0 v West Bromwich Albion (The Hawthorns) 29 Oct 2011 (Adam pen, Carroll)
2-1 v Chelsea (Stamford Bridge) 20 Nov 2011 (Rodriguez, Johnson)
2-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 18 Dec 2011 (Bellamy, Skrtel)
3-0 v Wolverhampton Wanderers (Molineux) 31 Jan 2012 (Carroll, Bellamy, Kuyt)
3-2 v Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park) 10 Apr 2012 (Rodriguez 2, Carroll)
144 3-0 v Norwich City (Carrow Road) 28 Apr 2012 (Suarez 3)

JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH

Luis Suarez (below) scored goals for fun against Norwich City – 12 in total including two hat-tricks and four in another game – with this treble at Carrow Road putting a beaming smile on the face of manager Kenny Dalglish. His two first-half goals were decent, but his 82nd minute lob over John Ruddy from just inside the halfway line was simply world-class.





2012/13

145 5-2 v Norwich City (Carrow Road) 29 Sept 2012 (Suarez 3, Sahin, Barnett og)
3-2 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 9 Dec 2012 (Johnson, Cole, Shelvey)
3-0 v QPR (Loftus Road) 30 Dec 2012 (Suarez 2, Agger)
4-0 v Wigan Athletic (DW Stadium) 2 Mar 2013 (Downing, Suarez 3)
2-1 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 31 Mar 2013 (Henderson, Gerrard pen)
6-0 v Newcastle United (St James' Park) 27 Apr 2013 (Agger, Henderson 2, Sturridge 2, Borini)
151 3-1 v Fulham (Craven Cottage) 12 May 2013 (Sturridge 3)

TALK OF THE TOON

When Brendan Rodgers' Liverpool clicked they played some fantastic football as Newcastle discovered to their cost with their heaviest home defeat at St James' Park since 1925 – the year construction of the Tyne Bridge began. Daniel Agger, Jordan Henderson (2), Daniel Sturridge (2) and Fabio Borini got LFC's six goals and it could've been more.

2013/14

152 1-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 24 Aug 2013 (Sturridge)
3-1 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 29 Sept 2013 (Sturridge, Suarez 2)
5-0 v Tottenham Hotspur (White Hart Lane) 15 Dec 2013 (Suarez 2, Henderson, Flanagan, Sterling)
5-3 v Stoke City (Britannia Stadium) 12 Jan 2014 (Shawcross og, Suarez 2, Gerrard pen, Sturridge)
3-2 v Fulham (Craven Cottage) 12 Feb 2014 (Sturridge, Coutinho, Gerrard pen)
3-0 v Southampton (St Mary's) 1 Mar 2014 (Suarez, Sterling, Gerrard pen)
3-0 v Manchester United (Old Trafford) 16 Mar 2014 (Gerrard 2 pens, Suarez)
6-3 v Cardiff City (Cardiff City Stadium) 22 Mar 2014 (Suarez 3, Skrtel 2, Sturridge)
2-1 v West Ham United (Upton Park) 6 Apr 2014 (Gerrard 2 pens)
3-2 v Norwich City (Carrow Road) 20 Apr 2014 (Sterling 2, Suarez)
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POTTY TIME

In a season of crazy away-wins Liverpool recorded a first Premier League success at Stoke with a 5-3 scoreline that was as mad as it sounds with a home player scoring for LFC and two ex-Reds and a Scouser netting for Stoke. Ready? Shawcross OG 1-0, Suarez 2-0, Crouch 2-1, Adam 2-2, Gerrard 3-2, Suarez 4-2, Walters 4-3, Sturridge 5-3 (below). Phew!



MOST GOALS: SCORERS (FROM TOTAL OF 502 INC 24 PENALTIES)



35 Steven Gerrard
33 Michael Owen
27 Luis Suarez
26 Robbie Fowler
18 Emile Heskey
17 Dirk Kuyt, Steve McManaman
16 Roberto Firmino
15 Philippe Coutinho, Fernando Torres
14 Own-goals
13 Daniel Sturridge
10 Mohamed Salah
9 Jordan Henderson, Danny Murphy, John Arne Riise
8 Maxi Rodriguez
7 Xabi Alonso, John Barnes, Stan Collymore, Peter Crouch, Sadio Mane, Ian Rush, Raheem Sterling
6 Milan Baros, Craig Bellamy, Patrik Berger, Djibril Cisse, Jamie Redknapp
5 Ryan Babel, Emre Can, Luis Garcia, Sami Hyypia, Adam Lallana
4 Titi Camara, Andy Carroll, James Milner, Karlheinz Riedle, Martin Skrtel, Michael Thomas
3 Fabio Aurelio, Yossi Benayoun, Christian Benteke, Glen Johnson, Dejan Lovren, Gary McAllister, Divock Origi, Neil Ruddock
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2014/15

162 3-0 v Tottenham Hotspur (White Hart Lane) 31 Aug 2014 (Sterling, Gerrard pen, Moreno)
3-2 v QPR (Loftus Road) 19 Oct 2014 (Dunne og, Caulker og, Coutinho)
3-1 v Leicester City (King Power Stadium) 2 Dec 2014 (Lallana, Gerrard, Henderson)
1-0 v Burnley (Turf Moor) 26 Dec 2014 (Sterling)
1-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 10 Jan 2015 (Markovic)
2-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 17 Jan 2015 (Borini, Lambert)
2-0 v Southampton (St Mary's) 22 Feb 2015 (Coutinho, Sterling)
169 1-0 v Swansea City (Liberty Stadium) 16 Mar 2015 (Henderson)

WHITE HOT LANE

The Reds beat Spurs 26 times at White Hart Lane with our final victory there being this 3-0 win on a historic day for Steven Gerrard (right). After Raheem Sterling opened the scoring the skipper converted his 43rd penalty – surpassing Jan Molby's record – and became the first LFC player to score in 16 seasons. Alberto Moreno also got his first Reds goal.



2015/16

170 1-0 v Stoke City (Britannia Stadium) 9 Aug 2015 (Coutinho)
3-1 v Chelsea (Stamford Bridge) 31 Oct 2015 (Coutinho 2, Benteke)
4-1 v Manchester City (Etihad Stadium) 21 Nov 2015 (Mangala og, Coutinho, Firmino, Skrtel)
1-0 v Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 30 Dec 2015 (Benteke)
5-4 v Norwich City (Carrow Road) 23 Jan 2016 (Firmino 2, Henderson, Milner, Lallana)
6-0 v Aston Villa (Villa Park) 14 Feb 2016 (Sturridge, Milner, Can, Origi, Clyne, Toure)
2-1 v Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park) 6 Mar 2016 (Firmino, Benteke pen)
2-1 v Bournemouth (Vitality Stadium) 17 Apr 2016 (Firmino,
177 Sturridge)

MASSACRED

Jürgen Klopp's first Premier League away win came at Manchester City in October but Liverpool's 6-0 St Valentine's Day win at Villa Park remains his biggest in the league. There were six different scorers too: Daniel Sturridge, James Milner, Emre Can, Divock Origi, Nathaniel Clyne and, with his only LFC goal, Kolo Toure (left). It was Villa's heaviest home loss since 1935.

2016/17

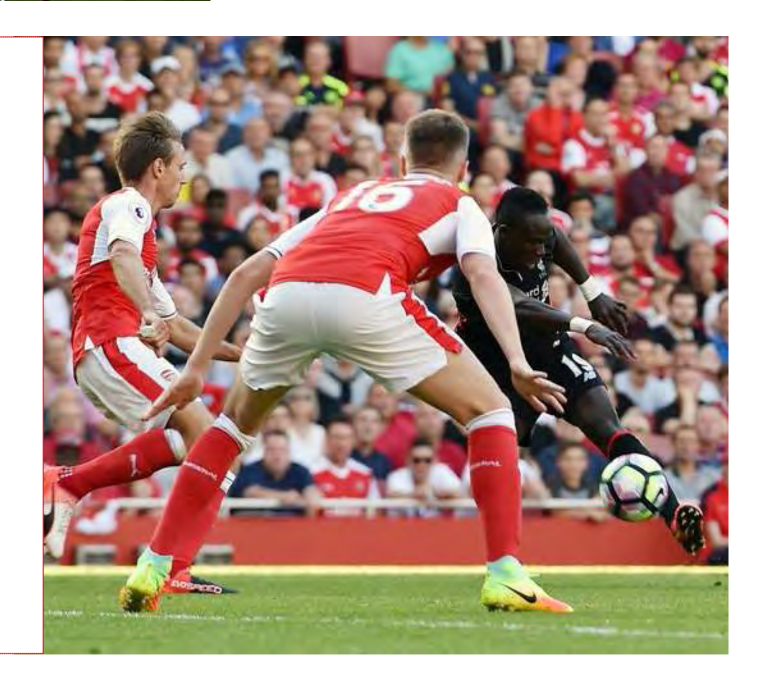

178 4-3 v Arsenal (The Emirates) 14 Aug 2016 (Coutinho 2, Lallana, Mane)
2-1 v Chelsea (Stamford Bridge) 16 Sept 2016 (Lovren, Henderson)
2-1 v Swansea City (Liberty Stadium) 1 Oct 2016 (Firmino, Milner pen)
4-2 v Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park) 29 Oct 2016 (Can, Lovren, Matip, Firmino)
3-0 v Middlesbrough (Riverside Stadium) 14 Dec 2016 (Lallana 2, Origi)
1-0 v Everton (Goodison Park) 19 Dec 2016 (Mane)
2-1 v Stoke City (Bet365 Stadium) 8 Apr 2017 (Coutinho, Firmino)
1-0 v West Bromwich Albion (The Hawthorns) 16 Apr 2017 (Firmino)
1-0 Watford (Vicarage Road) 1 May 2017 (Can)
4-0 v West Ham United (London Stadium) 14 May 2017 (Sturridge,
187 Coutinho 2, Origi)



SEVEN IN THE SUNSHINE



Sadio Mane (right) scored a brilliant individual goal on his debut in this epic 4-3 win at The Emirates. Simon Mignolet saved a penalty, a Philippe Coutinho double and Adam Lallana finish put the Reds 3-1 up after Theo Walcott's opener, but Mane became the match-winner by striking either side of goals from Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Calum Chambers.





2017/18

188 3-2 v Leicester City (King Power Stadium) 23 Sept 2017 (Salah, Coutinho, Henderson)
4-1 v West Ham United (London Stadium) 4 Nov 2017 (Salah 2, Matip, Oxlade-Chamberlain)
3-0 v Stoke City (Bet365 Stadium) 29 Nov 2017 (Mane, Salah 2)
5-1 v Brighton & Hove Albion (AMEX Stadium) 2 Dec 2017 (Can, Firmino 2, Coutinho, Dunk og)
4-0 v Bournemouth (Vitality Stadium) 17 Dec 2017 (Coutinho, Lovren, Salah, Firmino)
2-1 v Burnley (Turf Moor) 1 Jan 2018 (Mane, Klavan)
3-0 v Huddersfield Town (John Smith's Stadium) 30 Jan 2018 (Can, Firmino, Salah pen)
2-0 v Southampton (St Mary's) 11 Feb 2018 (Firmino, Salah)
196 2-1 v Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park) 31 Mar 2018 (Mane, Salah)

ORANGE BLOSSOM

After rattling in four goals on their maiden visit to the London Stadium six months earlier the Reds did it again with Mo Salah at his best. The Egyptian King opened the scoring and rounded it off with an unerring left-footed drive. Manuel Lanzini had pulled a goal back after Joel Matip scored (above) but Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain hit back straight from the restart.

2018/19

197 2-0 v Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park) 20 Aug 2018 (Milner pen, Mane)
2-1 v Leicester City (King Power Stadium) 1 Sept 2018 (Mane, Firmino)
2-1 v Tottenham Hotspur (Wembley) 15 Sept 2018 (Wijnaldum, Firmino)
200 1-0 v Huddersfield Town (John Smith's Stadium) 20 Oct 2018 (Salah)

MILESTONE MO-MENT

Not every victory can feature free-flowing football and Liverpool's 200th Premier League away success epitomised how to dig a narrow victory out when you're not at your best. Mohamed Salah was the difference, firing a cross-shot home from Xherdan Shaqiri's pass (below), to give Jürgen Klopp his 30th away Premier League win. Only Rafael Benitez and Gerard Houllier have more as it stands.






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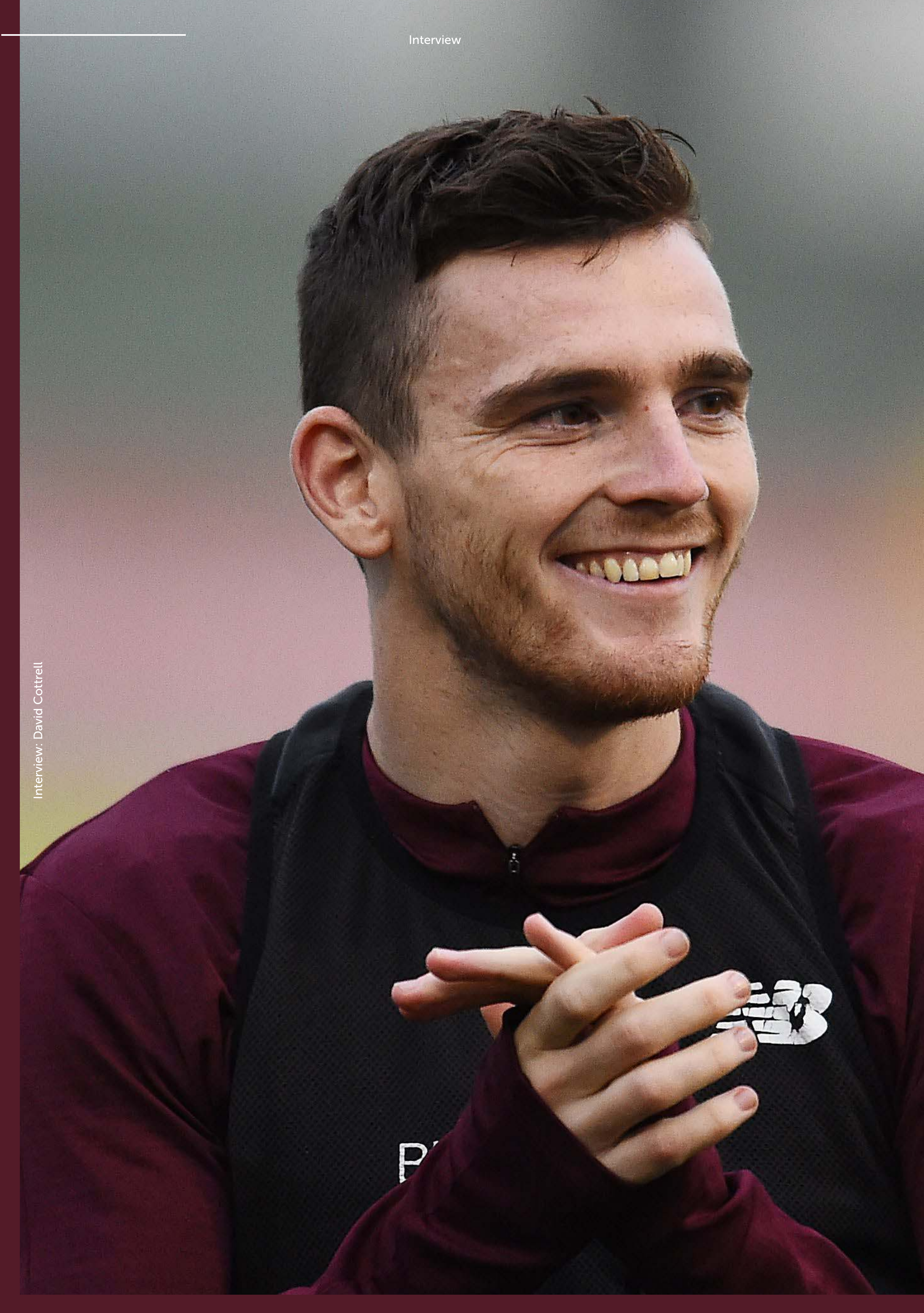






XHERDAN'S DELIGHT

Arms aloft, facing the Kop, Xherdan Shaqiri celebrates scoring his first Liverpool goal after a coolly taken finish in the 4-1 home win against Cardiff City. Anfield erupted when the ball hit the net and you suspect it won't be the last time that Shaq gets Kopites on their feet.



Interview: David Cottrell

Being ANDY ROBBO

In his own words, the Reds left-back on life as a Liverpool player, from Melwood to Anfield and far foreign lands

Monday afternoon at Melwood. It's just gone two o'clock and Gini Wijnaldum is sat a few feet away from me in the foyer – like me being interviewed for this issue of the magazine – while most of the other lads are still at Anfield involved in what we call an 'Appearance Day', which happens around once a month.

I did something a bit earlier with some young fans who are Official Members. It's nice to have a wee chat and some pictures taken with them, hopefully make their day a bit special. It was a question-and-answer session and they were asking about the Champions League this season and what it's like to captain Scotland which I tell them is a huge honour. Things like that break up the week and change the focus in a good way.

We've got a night match this week which means we train a little later in the day in the build-up – the manager always tries to train as close to the time of the game as

possible. Likewise if we've travelled far for an away game in the Premier League – for example when we played at Crystal Palace on a Monday night earlier this season – the next day's training will be a bit later so we get the proper sleep.

You'll occasionally hear footballers saying that they don't enjoy training, but here I honestly think that all the lads love it. A lot of that is down to the way the manager and coaches build and devise the sessions. The lads love being out there on the pitches.

Obviously there are ones like James Milner who always gives his all. He trains the way he plays and that's why he's been so successful in his career. He sets a real example and makes everyone want to give 100 per cent. It's a great squad to be around.

The coaches have that many drills up their sleeves that no two days are ever really the same. Of course leading up to games the sessions are quite similar because it's what we need to do and it works. But during the week it can change a wee bit and fair play to the coaches for coming up with different sessions. The lads look forward to it and sometimes the drills can be light-hearted and fun – but when it's time to work, it's time to work, and we all give 100 per cent in training which is crucial.

As the manager says, we defend as a team and we attack as a team, and we also train as a team. There's no point splitting us up with one group like the defence working on one thing and the midfield on another. We very much do it as an eleven, or rather as a 22 – eleven versus eleven – so we can get it right when it comes to matches.

When it comes to pressing, for example, it's about the right moment to go 'as a pack' to try and get the ball back, and the right moment to re-group back into our shape.

And when it comes off on matchday – everything we've been doing all week in training – it's a great feeling for the coaches and most certainly for the players knowing that we've carried out their instructions, especially when it comes to, say, set-pieces that we've worked on. You see it paying off, you get a goal from it, and it's great because you know everyone's doing their job.

When I arrived it took me a while to get used to the manager's style of play and there's nothing better than playing games and dealing with real-time situations. But you are always learning, always trying to improve whether that's defensively or going forward, and I couldn't be training with a better squad, or being coached by a better manager, to do that.

The night before a game I always tend to sleep well. I try to make sure I'm feeling tired which sounds obvious but it just means that it's easier to get a good night's sleep. Of course when it comes to different games there are different feelings – that's only natural – and waiting for them to come along is part-and-parcel of football. But I feel that the way we break up our days during the week, as I've mentioned earlier, makes it go quicker and for a home fixture you're at Anfield before you know it.

For away games usually on the team bus we have a table of four: James Milner, Jordan Henderson, me and Adam Lallana, and Trent sits across from us. That's usually the boys that play cards. And then on the plane I usually sit next to James Milner – he puts his headphones on!

He's good at cards, to be fair. There's a good group of us that plays, so that's always a good pastime and makes long journeys go that wee bit quicker. We play Hearts [the aim of which is to collect the fewest 'points'] or Nominations [a whist-like game with bidding].

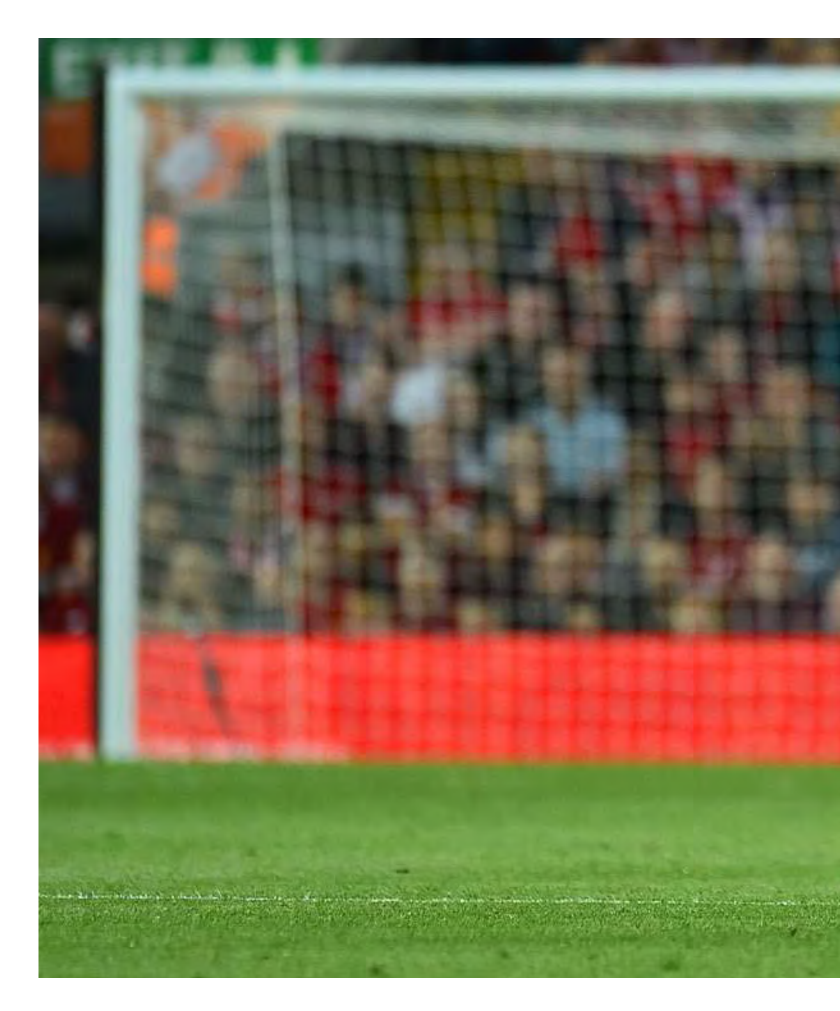
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Trent won his first game on the last trip so he was delighted. If he came in with a chess set I'd have to pass, though. I used to play when I was very young at school but I wouldn't even know where to start now.

Personally I like getting out on the golf course. That doesn't happen a lot – during the season you've not really got time – but in Scotland I've played The Old Course [at St Andrews] and Gleneagles and a lot of good courses. As a country we're quite blessed in that way. I've not really managed to play down here as much but hopefully there will be the odd time.

Occasionally on the way to a match I'll talk to my mates on WhatsApp, but I don't really bother much with apps or play any games on my phone.

In the dressing-room it's all about focus. I don't think






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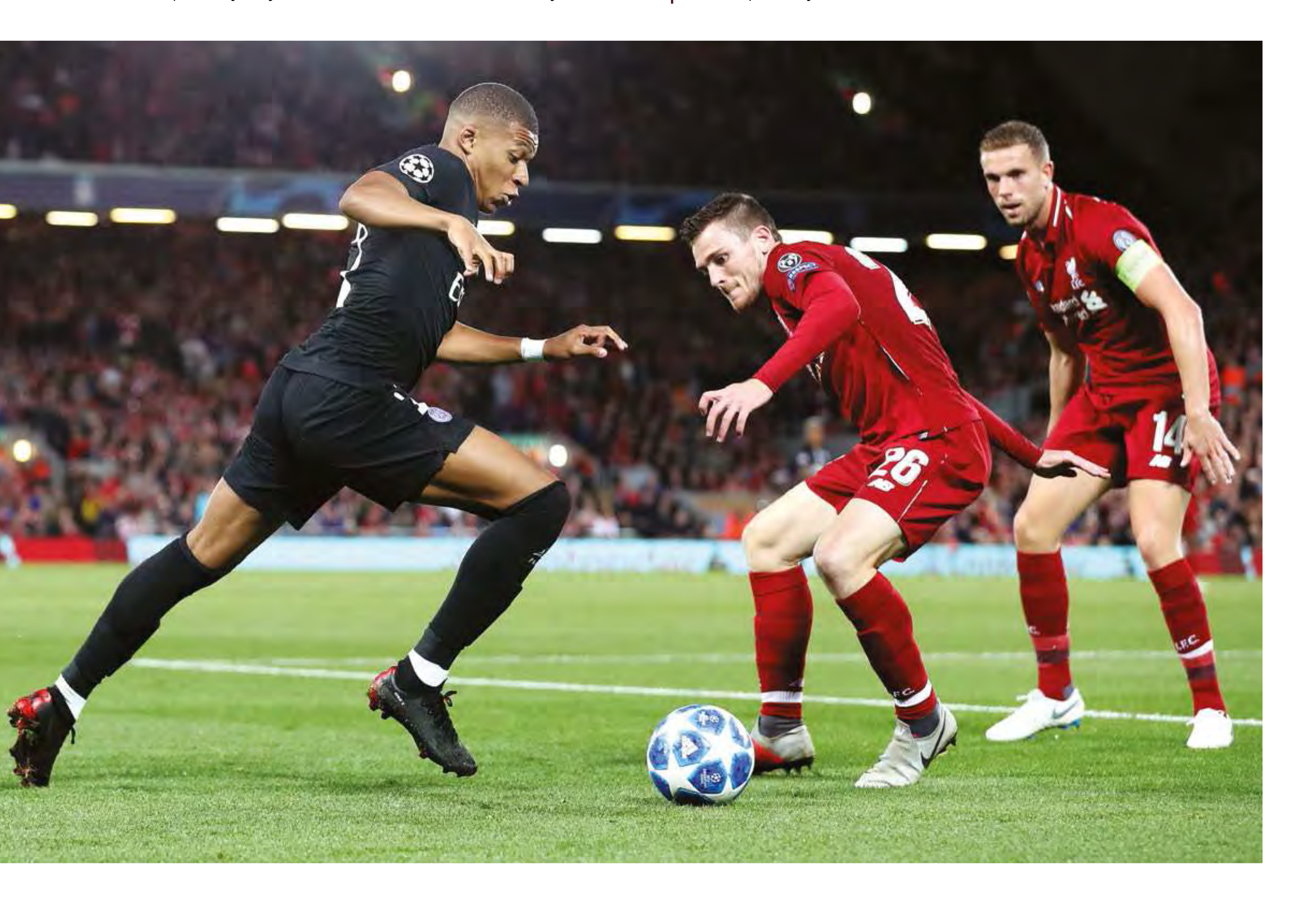
I DON'T THINK ANY OF US GETS NERVOUS – WE KNOW IT'S OUR JOB – BUT OF COURSE YOU'VE GOT ELEVEN FOOTBALLERS, ELEVEN PERSONALITIES WHO ALL PREPARE A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY

any of us gets nervous as such – we know it's our job. But of course you've got eleven footballers, eleven personalities who all prepare a little differently. Some will sit there with their headphones and get in their zone; others might be getting treatment and doing their 'activations'. It depends what works for you. Personally I'd say I'm probably more up and about. I try to focus as soon as I get in the changing-room. I get all my work done and I'm always ready to go.

I couldn't tell you exactly how many pairs of boots I go through in a season, but it's a lot. They're your tools at the end of the day – a worker has their tools and the boots are ours. So you do go through a lot of pairs because you train in them every single day. With boots these days it probably only takes two or three sessions and they're good to go at the weekend. I wear them until they can't really be worn again.

On matchday at Anfield you're aware of the fans as soon as the bus comes into the stadium. They always line up where we go in and you can feel if maybe it's a wee bit of a bigger game or whatever. When you go out to warm up there's always fans there early-doors and they get behind us, but when you're standing in the tunnel that's when it really ramps up a level, that's when you hear them the most. Everyone's up for the game at that point anyway.

I don't have an order in which I like to run out onto the pitch. You've only really got a choice of third to eleventh because of the skipper and the goalkeeper. I go out early, probably nearer the front, but it's irrelevant to me, it





WHEN YOU'RE STANDING IN THE TUNNEL THAT'S WHEN IT REALLY RAMPS UP A LEVEL – THAT'S WHEN YOU HEAR THE FANS THE MOST, EVERYONE'S UP FOR THE GAME AT THAT POINT

doesn't make any difference. I'm sure some of the lads do like to go out in a certain order – again, it's what works for them and what they're happy with.

My family come to the game but I don't wave to them until after it's done. Walking off the pitch I'll give them a wave but before kick-off I'm just focused on the match.

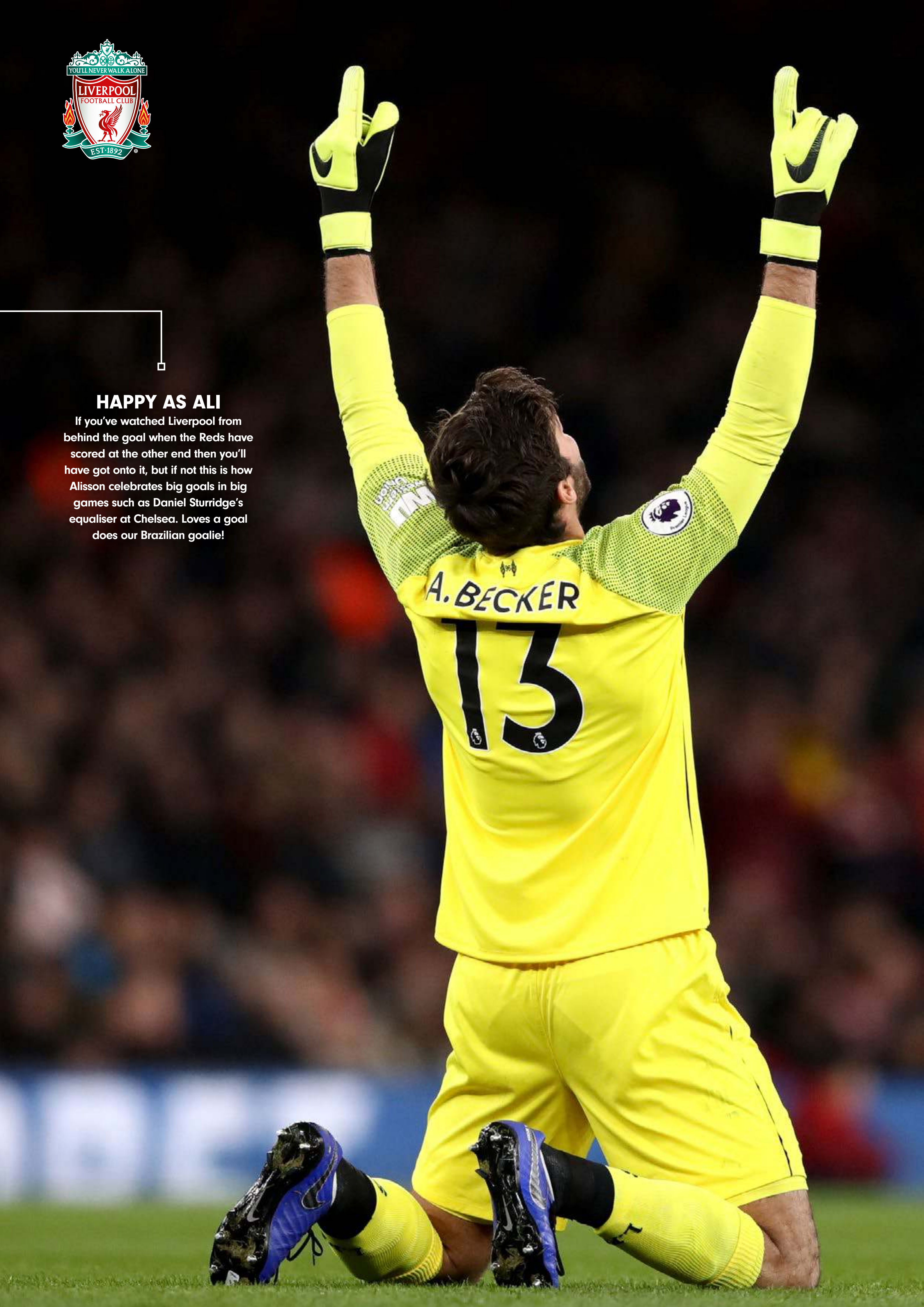
The first thing I do at half-time back in the dressing-room? Take a seat! Get a drink onboard. Catch my breath because you know there's another 45 minutes to go. Then listen to the manager saying what he wants to say.

If I'm not playing I don't like watching. If I'm on the pitch I can control things to an extent, at least from my part. But if you're sitting in the dugout or the stands, injured or not picked to start or suspended, whatever it is, then what happens is out of your control. I get a lot more nervous watching than playing. I get carried away, of course, if the team scores. If you're not playing you effectively become a fan – celebrating the goals and gutted when we concede.

It's the same with watching highlights on TV. It's not a must for me, but if the family are down and they watch it, I'll watch it with them. The BBC, Sky and BT have been quite clever about which pundits they've got – they all know what they're talking about. I think Rio Ferdinand talks a lot of sense. Gary Neville, Jamie Carragher, Jamie Redknapp are all very good at what they do too. They've played at the highest level so it's good to get their insight.

Away from the football, me and the missus like *Suits*, always a good watch. I like *Power* as well, but other than that I don't really watch box-sets. *Strictly Come Dancing* or *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here*? Definitely the latter. I quite like watching it, but I'd never go on!


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VICTORY

New Liverpool FC Women's manager Vicky Jepson says this group of players will give everything to entertain the fans and make them proud too

Interview: William Hughes




With assistant-boss Chris Kirkland

Congratulations Vicky, you must be thrilled to be named as the new Liverpool FC Women's manager, especially having worked for the club since 2009...
I'm absolutely delighted and humbled by the news. It has been a long journey at the club and I've seen several different managers from Robbie Johnson to Matt Beard and Scott Rogers and I've watched us evolve as a women's section.

I've been part of the club for a long time and I'm just delighted to be named the manager, so I'm looking forward to keeping on going with the work we have been doing. Nothing will change in terms of me as a person. I just want to keep making sure that we strive forward as a group.

You've worked in various capacities with the club from coaching with the LFC Foundation to managing the women's Development Squad to first-team coach and now manager...
It's overwhelming in a way. There were the long nights with working in the day with the Foundation then working with the women's youth section in the evenings, but I've seen a lot of our graduates come through the centre of excellence and are now playing in our first team or have gone on to play for other Women's Super League clubs.

The journey is a proud one, one I have been patient with and been very loyal to the club. I'm just delighted to take the reins now. With the outstanding staff we have working together with our brilliant players, we have got to keep stepping forward.

When did you discover the news?
Peter Moore phoned me up and told me. I was on the M56 at the time and I was absolutely delighted and overwhelmed. I promised Peter I will do everything I can to make sure the players keep on stepping in the right direction and the staff will keep working as hard as they have done.

More importantly we want to proudly represent Liverpool Football Club; we want to do well and make sure we do the best that we can for the fans so that they keep coming back to support us.

When did you start coaching?
When I was 16. I've been coaching at grassroots levels, I've been involved in community projects with the LFC Foundation, I've spent two years in America and I've been on a long journey with the girls' teams, starting with the under-11s at Liverpool and working my way through the age-groups with the Development Squad for five years. I've also been lucky enough to have experience with the international set-up with the England Under-17s and earlier this year we went to the Euro finals in Lithuania.

It's been a very long journey and one that I'm absolutely grateful for. It's come at a cost of hard work and sacrifices in my personal life and other commitments but to be here now and receiving this title is something that I'm really humbled by.

Chris Kirkland, with whom you've worked closely, has been appointed assistant-manager as well as goalkeeping coach...
Me and Chris are like partners in crime! We are very much together in everything. Nothing will change apart from me being a little bit more accountable for things that happen, but that's not pressure and I'm looking forward to that.

We have a great backroom staff with our sports scientist Alan [Jordan] and physio Hina [Chauhan] too and obviously Chris. It's an absolute pleasure to work with all of them.

The first-team has been my entire focus since Neil [Redfearn] brought me in to work at senior level. I wanted to make sure that I gave 110 per cent and developed and adapted to this environment which I think I have done. I'm just looking forward now to sinking my teeth into what we can do to strengthen where we currently are and how we can move forward positively.

The staff are so positive. The culture that we have created with the staff has obviously rubbed off on the players. The players are great people as well, which has helped because there has been no turbulence that made us come unstuck or derailed us. We have just got to keep that glue, go marching on together now and keep our current form if we can.

You had a productive spell with Chris in interim charge...
It was five weeks since Neil left us. We had five games and won four of them. The girls are an absolute credit to that end because no noise outside our camp has ever affected us inside it, and that's a credit to the staff, Chris and to the girls, who have made sure that we've kept focused and ticked games off as we go.

It doesn't change things in terms of me being given the title of manager because we've been together on this journey as staff and as a group. So we'll be continuing the same as we have been doing.



Following a difficult start to the campaign, you went into the Manchester City game on 4 November in the top five of the FA WSL standings...
It was tough taking the reins when we lost such a great manager but you've got to get the buy-in from the players and that's what we have had from the start. Every game-plan we've put in place, they have gone out and applied it to the pitch. It has just been an absolute honour to work with players like that who have acted ultra-professional throughout this whole journey, so now we can have a bit more stability and keep striving forward.

What do you hope to achieve as the LFC Women manager?
We've got to make sure that we compete this season and we've got a great group to do that. I want to make sure that we give the fans something to want to come and watch and that we inspire young girls who want to play the game because we've got loads of role-models in this squad.

We make sure that we do right by the club and make everybody proud of what we are about and what we want to achieve going forward. It's certainly not about looking in the past, it's about looking forward to the future and I'm very much honoured to be a part of the future at the club.

Being the first female manager of Liverpool FC Women since 2001 [Barbara Nodwell] must make you extremely proud...
Yes, it's been a long journey as a female football coach and one that I've really enjoyed being a part of at Liverpool. It has opened other doors for me to work internationally, but to step-up and be the first female manager of Liverpool Women's section for so long is going to be an outstanding opportunity for me.

Hopefully it will inspire other female coaches to say: 'You know what, if you work hard and put the effort in on and off the pitch, the rewards are there'. The doors are open now for the next generation of female coaches to come through.



Jürgen Klopp presenting Vicky with an award

The club has had further good news with the announcement that Tranmere Rovers' Prenton Park will be the team's home for the next three seasons...
That was fantastic news. I'd like to see more Reds fans there to support us because I can promise them that we are going to go above and beyond and make sure that we grow and we perform as well as we can on the pitch each week, giving it 110 per cent.







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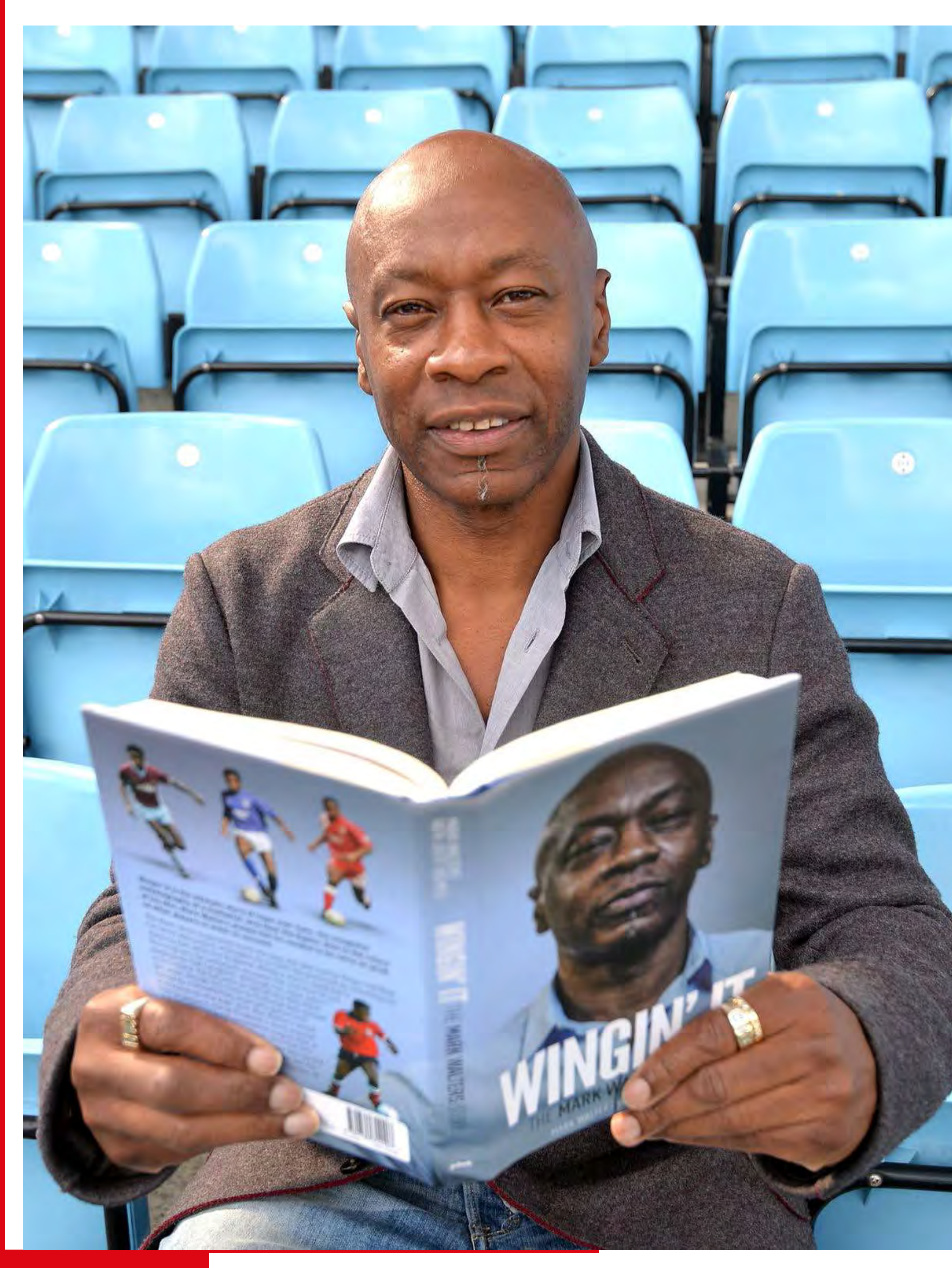
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JOKING WITH JOE

He's been in exceptional form at centre-half but that didn't stop Joe Gomez from having fun poked at him by defensive partner Virgil van Dijk when they starred in a 'bezzies' quiz on LFCTV. "His locker looks like a beauty section," laughed VVD when asked what Joe's best feature was. "I tell him every time, 'can I buy some things from his pharmacy there?'"


WINGIN' IT

RUNNING DOWN THE WING

Mark Walters had pace and grace down the Liverpool flanks but now his new autobiography explains why it never quite happened for him and the Reds in the 90s

He is now 54 years of age but Mark Walters still looks as fit and lean as he did when he was terrorising opposition full-backs with his sublime step-overs for Liverpool in the 1990s.

The Birmingham-born wide-man wrote his name into the history books by scoring Liverpool's first Premier League goal in August 1992 and spent four seasons with the Reds, following his ex-Rangers manager Graeme Souness south from Ibrox to Anfield.

Mark has not done much media since he ended his playing days but such is his love for the game that he was still turning out for non-league side Dudley Town in his early 40s. Now he's broken his silence in a candid autobiography entitled *Wingin' It* and published by Pitch last month.

So why decide to produce the book now? "A few people asked me to do it over the years but I'm a private person and I don't really like talking too much about my life," he says. "I think that's because I knew that if I did, I was going to have to tell people things that I didn't really want to. A mutual friend of mine, Jeff Holmes, asked me again a year or so ago and I thought that with what had been happening over the past few years it would be the right time.

"I've never been one to court the limelight but a few things have happened. We had a still-born baby and then more recently a few family members, friends and ex-colleagues [Cyrille Regis, Neale Copper and Ray Wilkins] have passed away and I just thought: do it now before it's my time.

"There are things that I've not really talked about and maybe I should have with hindsight. The process of putting the book together was very cleansing... Cathartic I think the word is!

"It's been very good for me and made me face a few things that I probably should have spoken about at the time. But as I say, I'm the kind of person who doesn't talk about those kind of things. So this has been good for me and I've really enjoyed the process."

An engaging, honest account of his life is the result. "It took just over a year to complete. I went through lots of stuff with Jeff. He visited where I was born in Birmingham, saw where I grew up and met some of my family too so it's been quite thorough. I'm very happy with it. I feel like I've said all I needed to say."

The process of baring his soul includes an account of his distant relationship with his father, former Nigeria international Lawrence Johnson Wabara. "He was a good footballer himself but he didn't really help me which was a bit disappointing. I took it really badly but I've got it all off my chest now in the book.

"I was a teenager, about 17 or 18, when I found out that he had played for Nigeria. I didn't have anybody to guide me. My mother did everything she could – she was my mother and my father. But she didn't know anything about football, never mind the business side of things, so it would have been nice in hindsight if he could have helped and guided me with that. But he wasn't there for me so I just had to learn from other role-models in my life.

"My uncle Rupert was a fantastic role-model for me and once I started playing, a lot of older pros guided me, too, so it worked out fine. But it would have been nice if he had been there for me."

WHEN LIVERPOOL COME IN FOR YOU IT'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT – IT WAS A FANTASTIC CLUB AND AN OFFER I COULDN'T REFUSE

Mark burst onto the scene at Aston Villa where he won the FA Youth Cup in 1980, aged just 15. After six years in the senior side he moved north of the border to join Souness at Rangers knowing he would be able to play European football at a time when the English clubs were banned.

He won three successive Scottish league titles during his spell at Ibrox but couldn't say no to Liverpool when the opportunity presented itself in the summer of 1991, two-and-a-half months after he'd won his only England cap in a 1-0



Taking on Arsenal's Lee Dixon at Anfield in August 1992

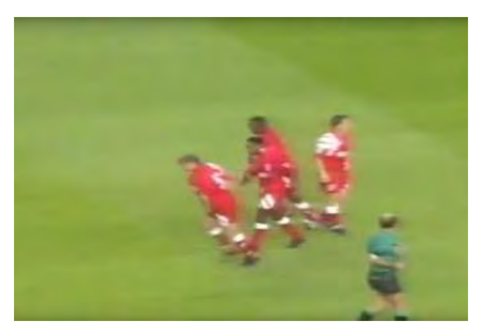

Mark fires home Liverpool's first Premier League goal













With the man who signed him at Anfield

GRAEME SOUNESS ALWAYS HAD A LOT OF BELIEF IN ME AND I WAS A BIG ADMIRER OF PLAYERS LIKE JOHN BARNES AND IAN RUSH, OVERALL IT WAS A GREAT TIME TO BE THERE

friendly victory over New Zealand in Auckland.

"It was a fantastic time. I was quite happy at Rangers, to be honest, but the four-foreigner rule was coming in and although they made me a good offer to stay, when Liverpool came in for you it was something you had to think about. They were the most successful club in Britain and it was an offer I couldn't refuse. It was a fantastic club and of course I knew the manager well so I couldn't turn it down.

"Graeme Souness always had a lot of belief in me. As a footballer anybody who has confidence in you and believes in you is important. Obviously the most important thing is to believe in yourself, but if someone else believes in you as well it's an added bonus. Graeme showed a lot of faith in me."

In the book Mark reveals what it was like playing under Souness and then Roy Evans. "There were some strong characters at Liverpool. It was quite different to what I'd been used to at Rangers. It was like a goldfish bowl in Glasgow – you couldn't move and I remember that you'd be signing autographs in toilets on occasions!

"At Liverpool there were some big characters but they were more relaxed and I enjoyed that side of things as opposed to everything being focused on you at Rangers. You knew you couldn't move whereas down here it was more relaxed off the field for sure."

Mark's debut campaign of 1991/92 saw him score the third goal which completed a memorable comeback against Auxerre at Anfield in a UEFA Cup second-round tie, 3-2 on aggregate. He also scored against Manchester United in front of the Kop and featured in three FA Cup ties as Liverpool went on to lift the trophy by beating Sunderland 2-0 at Wembley in the club's centenary season.

"It was a fantastic situation. As a child you

dream of winning the FA Cup.

"Unfortunately I didn't actually play in the game [he was an unused substitute] but it was great being among the lads. The whole day was brilliant and winning the competition was fantastic."

The following season Walters scored Liverpool's first goal of the Premier League era. Having lost 1-0 at Nottingham Forest on Sunday 16 August 1992 the Reds welcomed Sheffield United to Anfield three days later and were trailing one-nil when Ronnie Whelan's intelligent pass found Mark in space on the edge of the area and his low angled drive flew into the far corner at the Kop end. In the second half Paul Stewart won it with his first goal for Liverpool.

That was his best season for the Reds in front of goal as he scored 13 times in 44 games. Two were late goals against Kenny Dalglish's Blackburn Rovers at Anfield as Liverpool won 2-1 in December 1992.

"It was just nice to be instrumental and help the team in those games," he recalls. "Those matches were two of my highlights at Liverpool, but making my debut was a good time and just the process of joining one of the biggest clubs in the world was fantastic. I was a big admirer of players such as John Barnes and Ian Rush and then there I was, mixing with them. It was a great time to be around the club."

Souness was replaced by Roy Evans in January 1994 and Walters was again an unused sub in a cup final as the Reds won the League Cup against Bolton in April 1995. He enjoyed playing under Evans but believes discipline started to slide at Melwood.

"Every club I've been to where we've been successful we've had lads who towed the line. I just thought that as lovely a man as Roy is – and he was a very good manager, don't get me wrong – the discipline slipped. Players weren't coming in on time and things like that and it just wasn't something that I was used to at previous clubs.

"People had to come in on time. It was just an important thing in football where everybody towed the line and had the same goals and I believe that time-keeping is a very important part of that.

"But overall I really enjoyed it at Liverpool. Unfortunately we didn't win the league and it's incredible that's still the case with regards to the Premier League now. The level we were at with that team meant that anything less than winning the league was a failure. Joining such a fantastic club was a great situation for me but from a football point-of-view, not winning the league was really disappointing."

Walters, whose middle name is Everton (a common West Indian name), was also struck by the camaraderie of rival fans in the city and he enjoyed his derby-day experiences.

"It was more about the football in this city which might sound silly, but in Glasgow with Rangers it felt at times as though you had to go on the pitch with a cosh under your shirt because players would be smashing into each other. It was more of a football match when we played Everton.

"I always remember looking before one derby and seeing Liverpool and Everton fans in the same section. Where I'd just come from that would never have happened. The fans were virtually a mile away from each other in Glasgow and there was a bit too much aggro in Villa-Birmingham City games too. I felt the Merseyside derby was the way football should be played with supporters joining in, and the football was better."

After leaving Liverpool in January 1996 he played for Southampton, Swindon Town and Bristol Rovers before ending his career in non-league football with Ilkeston Town, Tividale, Willenhall Town and Dudley Town.

He then spent a decade coaching, working for Aston Villa and the FA, but eventually became frustrated at a lack of opportunities at senior level. He now spends a lot of time managing a property portfolio, and, when possible, he still enjoys a run-out.

"I'd love to play more but I'm in my 50s now and every time I play I get a little knock or something. It's not like when I was a pro where we would have people to give us massages and so on! As long as I'm fit when I start then I'll play, but I won't be going onto the pitch injured like I did when I was playing – those days are over!

"I've always loved playing. Even when I stopped at the age of 38 I would've played on if it hadn't been for the fact that there was no coaching role for me at Bristol Rovers, my final club, and I was doing a four-hour round trip to get to training. Even then I played non-league for a few years because I've always loved playing.

"If I hadn't been injured so much I'd probably still be playing now at some level, somewhere!"

• Wingin' It: The Mark Walters Story is published by Pitch and priced £18.99 (HB).



League Cup winner with Michael Thomas and John Barnes



STUFF OF LEGENDS

Thanks a million, says LFC Foundation, as huge amount is raised for meaningful campaigns

Liverpool FC's official charity, the LFC Foundation, has announced that the second Official Legends Match at Anfield raised £1 million.

Last March it finished 5-5 between Liverpool Legends and their Bayern Munich counterparts in front of a full house, with Xabi Alonso playing a half for each of his former sides.

Midfield maestro Xabi, who switched sides halfway through the 90 minutes, said: "It was such a special game for me because both clubs are attached to my heart. It was a great crowd, a full house, and the atmosphere was fantastic – like it always is here.

"To know Bayern is very special. To know Liverpool is special. They both have their own identity, big philosophies, big support from the fans. They are big clubs."

Now, thanks to the money raised, the LFC Foundation has been able to donate £500,000 to the #iwill Fund, created by National Lottery funding and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, to engage young people in meaningful social-action such as campaigning, fundraising and volunteering.

Ten per cent of the proceeds from the match have been donated to Bayern Munich's own charity while the remaining 90 per cent will be used to support LFC Foundation programmes and partnerships aimed at creating life-changing opportunities for youngsters on Merseyside and beyond.

Other charity-partners who benefit from funds raised at Legends matches and other fundraising activities include Alder Hey Children's Charity, Into University and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.





SUNSHINE AND SUPERSTARS

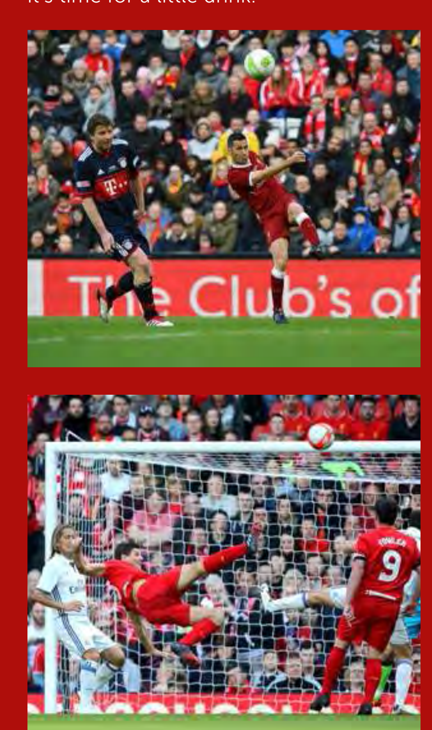
The game against Bayern was the second Legends match at Anfield following the 2017 showcase versus Real Madrid.

Back then, a crowd of 53,000 watched Liverpool FC Legends prevail 4-3 in what was a first opportunity for fans of all ages to witness some of the world's best former players appear together at an equally legendary venue. Prior to kick-off, there was also applause for the late, great Ronnie Moran.

For the visitors it was an unforgettable experience. Real Madrid's Clarence Seedorf said: "I enjoyed it from the first to the last minute. It's a great cause and participating in these kind of games is an honour. I'm not the first and I won't be the last to say that Anfield is absolutely fantastic."

Twelve months on, another 10 goals were shared by the Reds and Bayern. Among the scorers was Dirk Kuyt (of course) who called it "an amazing weekend. I came here on Thursday morning, I played golf with some of the lads [on Friday]. Today we were together in the hotel, we had a pre-match meal, we had a meeting and [were then] in the dressing-room.

"That's the biggest thing you miss in football because they are the best moments. We are going to enjoy this weekend. We gave everything, so now it's time for a little drink."



Getting to Anfield

Public transport: the quick and convenient way to the match

Get the bus

On matchday the 917 express bus runs direct from Liverpool city centre to Anfield every 10 minutes. There is a discounted ticket price of £4, with fans receiving a discount on soft drinks at LFC kiosks within the stadium on presentation of their return-ticket.

The Soccerbus will be operating three hours prior to kick-off and up to 90 minutes after the final whistle. A new family ticket (two adults + two children) is available for £7 and a group ticket (four adults) for £10. Soccerbus tickets can now be bought at any rail station by asking for a 'plus Anfield/Goodison' ticket.

Other bus services include the 26 and 27 from LiverpoolONE station and 17 from Queen Square. The 68/168, which operates between Bootle and Aigburth, and the 14 and 19 (from Queen Square) stop a short walk from the ground.

The 501 football service operates direct to Lime Street from Walton Lane for up to two hours after the final whistle. Adult £2, children £1.

The 502 also runs two journeys from Anfield after each home game to Lime Street.



Trains and automobiles

Lime Street is two miles from Anfield and taxi fares usually cost £7-9, or buses go from nearby Queen Square. Merseyrail runs from town to Sandhills station from where matchday passengers can use the Soccerbus.

Back of the cab

Taxi pick-up points are available outside of the stadium and on major routes. Taxi One operates a taxi-bus service from St Johns Lane, Liverpool city centre, direct to Anfield. A frequent service operates from three hours prior to kick off. Taxi One return-service operates from the corner of Anfield Road/Sleepers Hill opposite the Isla Gladstone conservatory back to the city-centre.

On your bike!

The free LFC Cycle Hub will be located on Anfield Road for the 2018/19 season, allowing fans who cycle to the game to park their bikes safely and securely with an attendant.

Walk on

Walking routes are signposted from Lime Street, Sandhills and Kirkdale stations to assist fans who travel to the game using local rail services.

Get there early!

Avoid the crowds and get to Anfield early to enjoy the Fan Zones, located in Paisley Square and Anfield Road and open four hours before kick-off – ideal for meeting before the game to soak up the atmosphere.

For more advice please visit www.liverpoolfc.com/gettingtoanfield

ANFIELD MATCHDAY TRANSPORT PLAN 2018/19 SEASON



SCOUSERS 1 GIANTS 0

Club enables local kids to play their part in an historic event while first-team stars deliver match tickets

LFC Foundation joined forces with Everton FC in the Community and Tranmere Rovers in the Community to stage a series of free football-coaching sessions as part of the recent Giant Spectacular event.

Hundreds of local pupils from 72 schools across the region were invited to the Princes Park event, which marked the return of Royal de Luxe's Giants to Liverpool. Each school was allocated a one-hour coaching session which ended in a penalty shootout with a difference – straight into one of the Giants' sandals!

Jamie Sproule, a teacher at St Patrick's Primary School, said: "This has been a brilliant opportunity for our kids. Having the chance to train with coaches from the LFC Foundation and to be involved in the famous Giants event is definitely something they'll never forget."

Meanwhile four first-teamers met local pupils at Anfield last month to present free tickets to the Premier League fixture against Manchester City.

Joe Gomez, Trent Alexander Arnold, Dominic Solanke and Dejan Lovren delivered the tickets



in person Anfield Road Primary, Alsop High and All Saints Catholic Primary, courtesy of the club's Red Neighbours programme. The free-tickets-for-schools scheme provides 55 match-tickets for every Premier League home game at Anfield.

Paul Deakin, learning mentor at Alsop, said: "Many of our pupils have never had the chance to go to a football game before, so this really is a fantastic scheme and one which we're very happy to be involved with.

"The experience of going to Anfield on a matchday is something the children will remember forever and we're extremely grateful to Red Neighbours for providing the opportunity. To meet the players as well is just icing on the cake – the smiles on the kids' faces say it all."

Joe Gomez added: "It's always great to meet the local young fans – it's something we all really enjoy. Giving local kids the chance to come and see a game at Anfield is really important and it's so nice to see the happiness it brings them."

At Liverpool FC we are passionate about our community and our official charity LFC Foundation delivers programmes and partnerships to create life-changing opportunities for children and young people.

We also work with local residents, community groups and schools in the Anfield area, as part of our Red Neighbours programme, focusing on the key issues of food poverty and education, the elderly, getting the community physically-active and creating memorable experiences for youngsters.











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This Carbon Effect LFC Travel Case, which also comes in Red Embossed, retails at £64.99 – just the thing for those epic adventures following the Reds in Europe!

To be in with a chance of winning, just answer the following question and email your entry, along with your name and address, to liverpoolfcmag@trinitymirror.com with CASE COMPETITION in the title bar. Closing date for entries: Friday 7 December 2018.





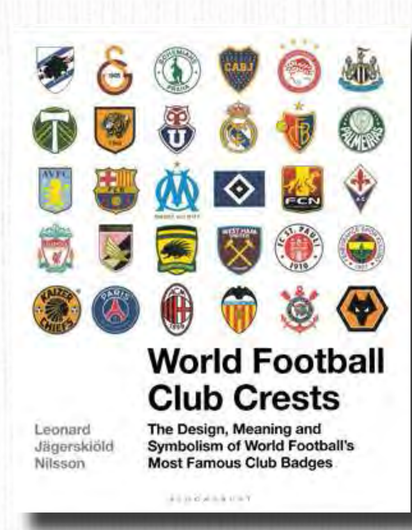



What was the first name of the Case who played for Liverpool from 1975 to 1981?

(a) Justin
(b) Jerry
(c) Jimmy

ANFIELD SHELFIES

Our verdict on the pick of the latest Liverpool FC-related books



WORLD FOOTBALL CLUB CRESTS (hardback £20 Bloomsbury).
Who doesn't love football club crests? Who, of a certain vintage, didn't come over all Charlie Bucket when they tenderly prised open yet another fresh packet of Panini stickers and got that first glimpse of the deep-red LFC badge on that gleaming-gold background?

Subtitled *The Design, Meaning and Symbolism of World Football's Most Famous Club Badges*, this is a coffee-table book for the pseud in all of us: football-daft but trying to be all mature and sophisticated about it. It's divided into chapters on England, Spain, Italy, Germany, France, the rest of Europe, USA, Australia and South America.

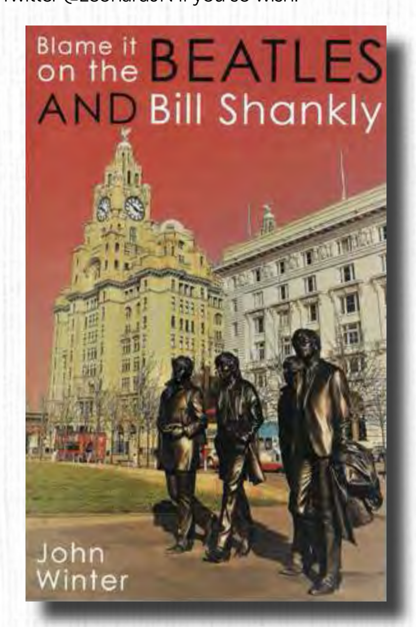


The evolution of the Liverpool crest is charted from its late 19th century city-arms origins to today's shield supported by the year of foundation, eternal flames and the legend *You'll Never Walk Alone*, the one constant for all those 126 years being the mythical Liver Bird.

Among the 200 other clubs covered are old LFC friends and foes like Saint-Etienne, Borussia Moenchengladbach, AS Roma and Red Star Belgrade.

Remember Flamengo, the Brazilian club that gave Liverpool a bit of a hiding in the old World Club Championship in Tokyo, in December 1981? They started out life as a rowing club and their original crest of 1895 featured a pair of oars and an anchor and the initials CRF for 'Clube de Regatas de Flamengo'. The same initials still appear on their crest today. Trust us, there's plenty more in the anorak closet whether that came from.

Leonard Jagerskiold Nilsson is the author. He's Swedish and you can follow him on Twitter @LeonardJN if you so wish.



BLAME IT ON THE BEATLES...AND BILL SHANKLY (softback £8.99 Troubador).
In the Liverpool FC matchday programme is a regular feature called 'The Big Read', and for last season's game against Manchester United it was all about the Swinging Sixties.

To our mind nothing had really been written that intimately weaved together the chronologies of Bill Shankly's Liverpool and the Beatles. In 1964, for example, both appeared on



The Ed Sullivan Show in America within three months of each other: on Sunday 9 February 1964 the Fab Four performed five songs live to an estimated 73,700,000 viewers nationwide; then on Sunday 10 May 1964 tens of millions of television viewers across the States watched as Sullivan announced that "tonight we have in our audience one of the great soccer teams of England, the Liverpool team that won the English league title!"

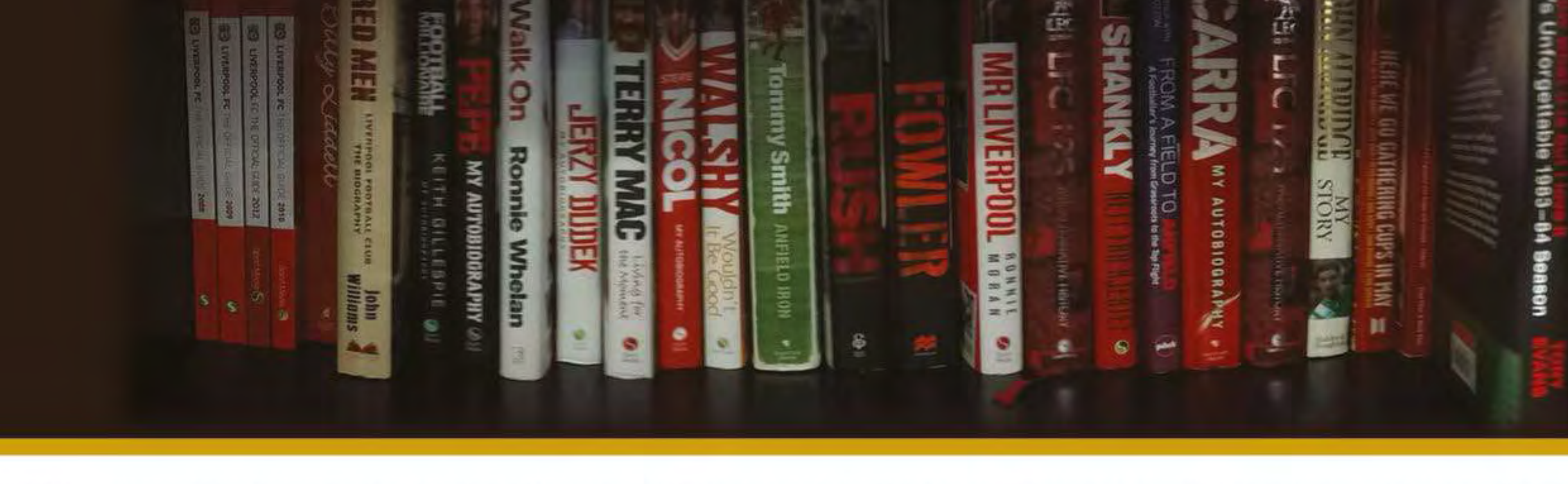
There were great homecomings, too. John, Paul, George and Ringo returned to Liverpool for the 'northern premiere' of their movie *A Hard Day's Night* on Friday 10 July 1964. The city had never seen anything like it – at least not until Sunday 2 May 1965 when the Reds brought back the FA Cup for the first time.

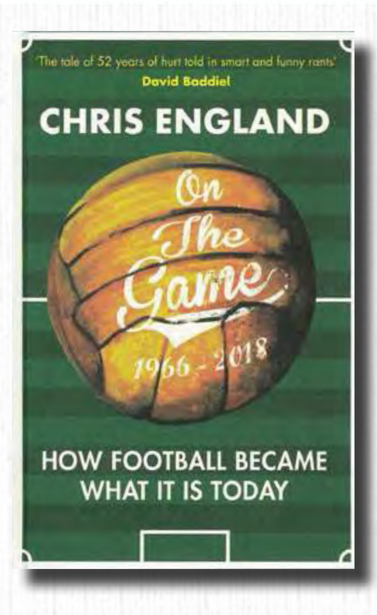
The *Echo* reported: "Skipper Ron Yeats and the team were greeted by roars of 'Liverpool! Liverpool! Liverpool!' from 50,000 throats in the vicinity of Lime Street, and St George's Plateau was a solid mass of people, with one senior police officer saying: 'This makes the Beatles reception look like a vicarage tea party!'"

How to capture those heady days, the backbeat pounding off the sweaty cellar walls of The Cavern, the roars of the rough-and-tumble Spion Kop?

Author John Winter tries just that in this commendable work of fiction based on his own experiences as a student in the city back then. The main character Tony writes songs, falls in love with a girl from Penny Lane, and joins the swaying masses at Anfield every other Saturday.

What a time to be alive.





ON THE GAME: HOW FOOTBALL BECAME WHAT IT IS TODAY
(hardback £9.99 Old Street).
***An Evening With Gary Lineker* was a stage play that emerged in the backwash of the 1990 World Cup and England's so-near-yet-so-far exploits under Bobby Robson. Later it became a TV drama starring Liverpool fan Clive Owen, Paul Merton, Caroline Quentin and Martin Clunes with Lineker himself making a cameo appearance.**

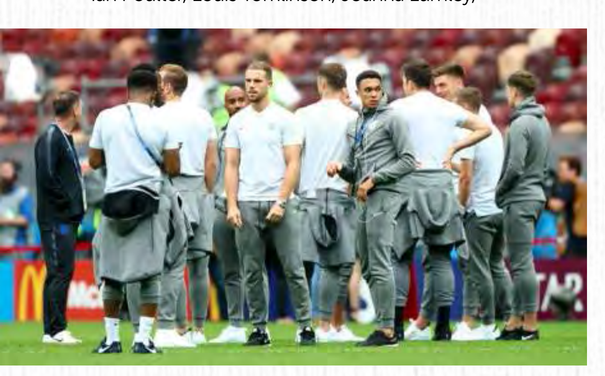
Chris England wrote it, along with fellow comedian Arthur Smith, and now the Radio Five Live regular has turned his hand to a half-century cultural history of football 'from Pele to Putin's World Cup'. It's pure bog-read stuff, in the nicest possible sense, and pretty much the perfect Christmas present.

Sample extract, astutely deconstructing the *Football's Coming Home* hysteria last summer: "ITV put together a ghastly sequence of celebrities – Dominic West, Simon Cowell, Ian Poulter, Louis Tomlinson, Joanna Lumley, Jonny Wilkinson, Anthony Joshua – all repeating the mantra, which made me feel faintly ill with worry at all the fate-tempting.

"Unless you have invested a lifetime in it, a lifetime of disappointment, a lifetime of coming to terms, you can't really get it. We're talking about people who will shrug after England go out on penalties. Who have 'Oh well, it's just a game' as a place for their minds to go. Fortunate people, in many ways, who will, like the two security guards at the end of *The Truman Show*, when the entertainment that has absorbed them for so long is finally over, turn to one another and say: 'What else is on?'

"Baddiel and Skinner did get it. Their song was a perfectly-pitched anthem back in 1996. A large part of the 'It's coming home' refrain was simply referring to the fact that the tournament was taking place in England, not an expectation that the trophy was coming home, or even arrogantly asserting that England was the trophy's home. But those distinctions didn't really matter, and the earworm made it to the top of the charts for the fourth time. The fact that there wasn't a new song for this campaign only served to highlight how low expectations had been at the off.

"For me, the rampart outbreak of *It's Coming Home* was what made me begin to suspect that it wasn't...."





BUILDING THE YELLOW WALL
(hardback £20 Orion Books).
Football journalist Uli Hesse's fascinating account of the rise of Borussia Dortmund will hold a special interest to Kopites interested in a fuller picture of Jürgen Klopp's formative coaching career.

Hesse, a regular writer for *FourFourTwo* and *When Saturday Comes*, was born two miles north of Dortmund's Westfalenstadion and has produced a definitive account of the club's change in fortunes since almost going out of business at the start of this century.

He also analyses the club's cult appeal which corresponded with the appointment of Klopp as manager – something that might never had happened had SV Hamburg got there first. LFC's old adversaries were looking for a new boss in 2008 and Klopp, then with Mainz 05, was on a four-man shortlist. Hamburg scouts were duly dispatched to assess each candidate and produce dossiers on them.

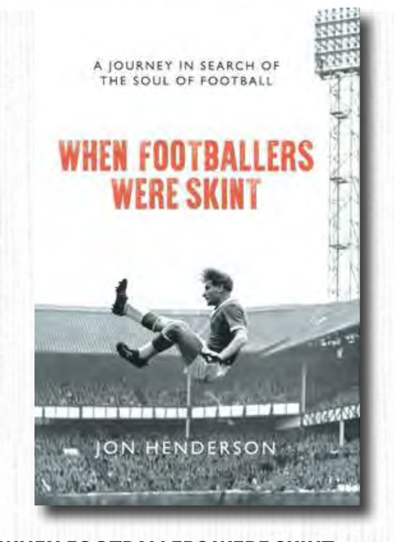
One local paper reported that agreement had been reached with Klopp over a salary and that his wife had started house-hunting in the city. But the scouts apparently produced a points-system to rank the candidates and Klopp finished last because they found fault with his appearance, taking a dislike to his unshaven look, his preferred attire of torn blue jeans and his "manner of expression" – a reference to his penchant for referring to players by their nicknames when working as a TV pundit.

Martin Jol, who was not one of the four men assessed, was eventually appointed, leaving Hamburg chairman Bernd Hoffman to tell Hesse: "I don't know if we would have reached the Champions League final if we had signed Klopp back then, but it's highly likely the club would be in better shape today."



ANFIELD SHELFIES





WHEN FOOTBALLERS WERE SKINT
(hardback £20 Biteback).
At the start of this book author Jon Henderson quotes the American science-fiction writer Glen Cook: "I need to understand the past. It illuminates the present."

This is a journey back in time, to when footballers' wages were capped and the game's biggest names earned similar sums to most other professions; when Liverpool players would share a bus with supporters to get to Anfield.

Henderson's interviewees include two former Redmen: Gordon Milne and the late Tony McNamara. It also features the fascinating story of Jimmy Hagan, who joined Liverpool FC's groundstaff before leaving for Derby County as a 15-year-old. He made his pro debut for Sheffield United in 1933, earning £7 a week, and went on to play for England before enjoying a managerial career which took in Portuguese giants Benfica and Sporting Lisbon.

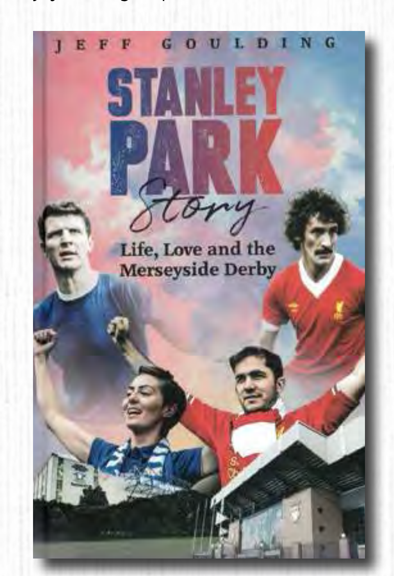
Elsewhere McNamara recalls the wartime bombing of the city during the Blitz of 1940, particularly near his home in Sandyville Road, Walton where he and his four siblings took cover in the Anderson shelters set up outside.



His father became tired of the routine, however. "He took to staying indoors. When we came back into the house one night, the windows had been blown in and my father was lying there in bed with glass splinters all around him. It didn't seem to worry him."

Reds fans will relish Milne's anecdotes about Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley and the book also contains the little-known story of a game involving Liverpool and Stoke City on the final day of the 1937/38 season.

Based on first-hand accounts from 23 professional players of a fine sporting era, Henderson helps paint a vivid picture from their memories. Supporters of any generation will enjoy soaking it up.



STANLEY PARK STORY
(hardback £16.99 Pitch).
Liverpool versus Everton is now the longest continuous running derby game in English football with Reds and Blues having met every season since 1962.

Using a combination of fact, fiction and personal experience, author Jeff Goulding has produced a tale which spans three generations of two families Red and Blue woven together through half-a-century of sporting rivalry.

Published ahead of the first Merseyside derby of this season – Liverpool's 100th home league game to be played against Everton at Anfield – it revolves around two central figures, Jimmy and Tommy.

"Jimmy was my best mate and my worst enemy," explains Tommy. "He was a Blue and I am a Red. We came together in 1962, and, for a time, we were inseparable. We loved football



and we saw it all. We witnessed glories most supporters never see, and we shared in all of it, as comrades."

An insight into the social and cultural history that created one of the game's most passionate rivalries, the book offers perspective from both those who sit on the Kop and those who frequent the Gwladys Street. Among the highlights is a fascinating account of the Christmas derby in 1940 as players, officials and supporters defied the Blitz. The journey also takes the reader from the 'friendly derby' through segregation, solidarity and the fight for justice.

Goulding, a die-hard Liverpudlian, admits he could not have produced the book without the help of many Blues: "When I set put to write Stanley Park Story, I wanted to ensure that the voices of both sides of the Merseyside divide were heard. I couldn't have done that without the help and support of many Evertonians. I hope I have done them justice."





We've got a copy of each book to give away to one lucky reader. For a chance of winning, answer the question and send your entry, along with your name and address, to liverpoolfcmag@trinitymirror.com with BOOKS COMPO in the title bar. Closing date: Friday 7 December 2018.

Who scored for the Reds in last season's Premier League derby at Anfield?

(a) Mane (b) Salah (c) Firmino.



What's On

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LES ROUGES ET LES BLEUS

Allez Allez Allez... Group C of the Champions League isn't failing to deliver, and Liverpool's trip to the French capital at the end of November, to take on Paris Saint-Germain in their own backyard in the penultimate match, is looking more and more mouthwatering.

It will be LFC's third visit to the Parc des Princes, the first being the 1981 European Cup final triumph against Real Madrid, followed by a European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final first leg against PSG in 1997. Can the Reds repeat their stirring performance from Matchday One against the French giants? Fingers crossed...

Upon Liverpool's return from France it's the start of a busy December which will see neighbours Everton pay a visit for the 100th league derby to be played at Anfield.

The game will be only eight days shy of a full year since the previous season's corresponding fixture when Mo Salah curled home his 19th goal of the season on his derby debut to give the Reds a half-time lead.

A Wayne Rooney penalty 13 minutes from time meant it ended all-square but less than a month later the Reds were victorious over the Blues in an FA Cup third-round tie at Anfield.



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What's On

YOU WAIT ALL YEAR FOR A DERBY...

While the Reds play the Blues in the Premier League at Anfield on 2 December, the Under-23s and Women's teams will also face the Toffees in the month ahead. Coach Neil Critchley takes his U23s to Blues territory for a Premier League 2 fixture on 25 November (1pm, venue to be confirmed), in the season's first mini-derby, as they bid to overcome David Unsworth's side. Meanwhile Liverpool FC Women will face their Merseyside rivals twice in five days in early December. The teams face off in a FA Women's Super League fixture at Southport on 2 December (2pm) before going head-to-head again in a Continental Tyres League Cup clash at Prenton Park on 6 December (7pm).



ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...

11 years since Liverpool beat Besiktas 8-0 in a Champions League group game at Anfield on Tuesday 6 November 2007.
42 years since left-back and Kop idol Joey Jones made his Liverpool debut on 9 November 1976.
48 years since centre-forward John Toshack joined from Cardiff City on 11 November 1970.
51 years since Liverpool put another eight past TSV Munich in a European Fairs Cup tie on 7 November 1967.
66 years since the great Ronnie Moran made his Liverpool debut on 22 November 1952.

And 3 years since the Reds won 4-1 at Manchester City to claim their first away win under Jürgen Klopp on 21 November 2015.



You'll have read elsewhere in this issue about the Reds recording 200 away-wins in the Premier League era. Among the most memorable of those under Jürgen Klopp's watch so far was the manager's second Premier League away victory – 4-1 at Manchester City.

Roberto Firmino played a big part. The Brazilian created Liverpool's opener, seeing his cross turned into the net by City centre-back Eliaquim Mangala after just seven minutes.

Firmino then pounced on defensive indecision to tee up compatriot Philippe Coutinho for the second before Emre Can and Coutinho combined to allow Firmino to add the third himself. The game was just over half-an-hour old.

Sergio Aguero pulled one back for Manuel Pellegrini's men just before the break but the Reds continued to exercise control and restored their three-goal advantage late on when Martin Skrtel lashed home a pile-driver from 16-yards after Adam Lallana's corner had been cleared into his path.

Klopp later said he needed his players to believe they were good enough to produce such a strong display at a place like the Etihad.

"If you are stuck in the forest and it's dark and you are afraid and someone tells you not to be then it doesn't work," he said. "It's your own mind. Only you can affect that.

"We need the confidence in ourselves but we cannot switch the lamp on and off, on and off."



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Fixtures & Results

		SCORE/KO	TV	SCORERS
AUGUST				
12	**West Ham United (H)**	**4-0**	**sky**	**Mane 2, Salah, Sturridge**
20	Crystal Palace (A)	2-0	sky	Milner (pen), Mane
25	**Brighton and Hove Albion (H)**	**1-0**	**BT**	**Salah**
SEPTEMBER				
1	Leicester City (A)	2-1	sky	Mane, Firmino
15	Tottenham Hotspur (A)	2-1	sky	Wijnaldum, Firmino
18	**Paris St-Germain (UCL, H)**	**3-2**	**BT**	**Sturridge, Milner (pen), Firmino**
22	**Southampton (H)**	**3-0**		**Hoedt (og), Matip, Salah**
26	**Chelsea (CC3, H)**	**1-2**	**sky**	**Sturridge**
29	Chelsea (A)	1-1	BT	Sturridge
OCTOBER				
3	Napoli (UCL, A)	0-1	BT	
7	**Manchester City (H)**	**0-0**	**sky**	
20	Huddersfield Town (A)	1-0	BT	Salah
24	**Red Star Belgrade (UCL, H)**	**4-0**	**BT**	**Firmino, Salah 2 (1 pen), Mane**
27	**Cardiff City (H)**	**4-1**		**Salah, Mane 2, Shaqiri**
NOVEMBER				
3	Arsenal (A)	1-1	BT	Milner
6	Red Star Belgrade (UCL, A)	0-2	BT	
11	**Fulham (H)**	**12pm**	**BT**	
24	Watford (A)	3pm		
28	Paris St-Germain (UCL, A)	8pm	BT	
DECEMBER				
2	**Everton (H)**	**4.15pm**	**sky**	
5	Burnley (A)	7.45pm		
8	Bournemouth (A)	12.30pm	sky	
11	**Napoli (UCL, H)**	**8pm**	**BT**	
16	**Manchester United (H)**	**4pm**	**sky**	
21	Wolverhampton Wanderers (A)	8pm	sky	
26	**Newcastle United (H)**	**3pm**		
29	**Arsenal (H)**	**5.30pm**	**BT**	
JANUARY				
3	Manchester City (A)	8pm	sky	
5	FA Cup 3			
12	Brighton and Hove Albion (A)	3pm		
19	**Crystal Palace (H)**	**3pm**		
26	FA Cup 4			
30	**Leicester City (H)**	**8pm**	**BT**	
FEBRUARY				
2	West Ham United (A)	3pm		
9	**Bournemouth (H)**	**3pm**		
12/13	UCL Round of 16 1			
16	FA Cup 5			
19/20	UCL Round of 16 1			
23	Manchester United (A)	3pm		
27	**Watford (H)**	**8pm**		
MARCH				
2	Everton (A)	3pm		
5/6	UCL Round of 16 2			
9	**Burnley (H)**	**3pm**		
12/13	UCL Round of 16 2			
16	Fulham (A)/FA Cup 6			
30	**Tottenham Hotspur (H)**	**3pm**		
APRIL				
6	Southampton (A)/FA Cup s-f	3pm		
9/10	UCL q-f 1			
13	**Chelsea (H)**	**3pm**		
16/17	UCL q-f 2			
20	Cardiff City (A)	3pm		
27	**Huddersfield Town (H)**	**3pm**		
30/1	UCL s-f 1			
MAY				
4	Newcastle United (A)	3pm		
7/8	UCL s-f 2			
12	**Wolverhampton Wanderers (H)**	**3pm**		
18	FA Cup final			
JUNE				
1	UCL final			







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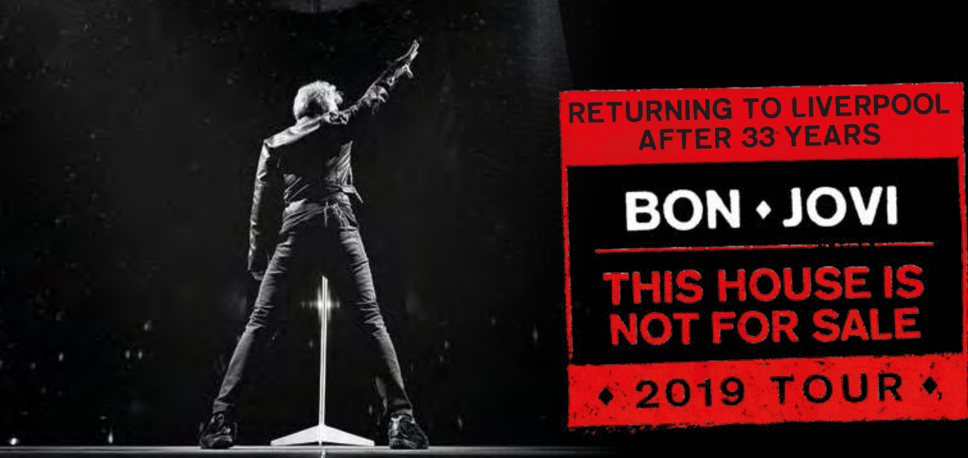




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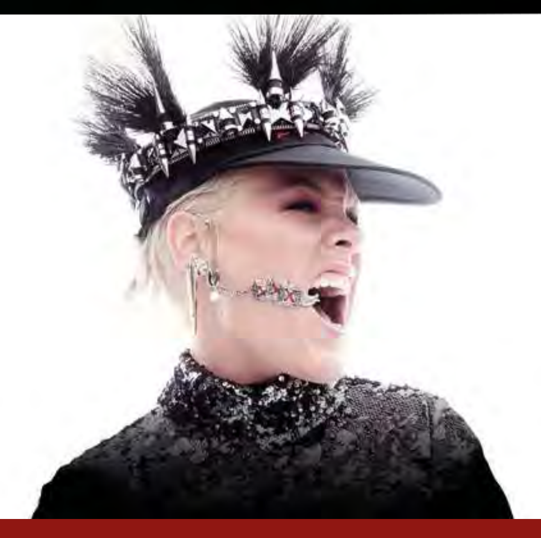
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Why Liverpool's defence is as strong as it's been for a long, long time

Jürgen Klopp has regularly selected Joe Gomez alongside Virgil van Dijk at centre-half this season. It is a partnership I've been impressed by. Joe is only 21 and he's fortunate to be learning from playing alongside Virgil, one of the best in the Premier League – if not the world – at the moment.

Gomez is maturing all the time. He's a young player who had some serious setbacks through injury, but he's put that behind him and been hugely impressive.

I know, from an interview he gave to this magazine, that Joe was devastated to miss the Champions League final and World Cup through injury but every player knows there are ups and downs in a career. It's how you respond to those setbacks, and you have to give Gomez credit for his attitude during his rehabilitation. He did the right things and is getting the rewards for that now.

Everyone knows how important a strong centre-half pairing is as part of a defensive unit. The better the understanding, the harder a team is to break down – something we've seen from Liverpool this season. Van Dijk has been the catalyst for that. He's not only helped Gomez but also young Trent Alexander-Arnold and Andy Robertson who've had extra confidence boosts playing in the same side as him.



Dejan Lovren has also played well alongside van Dijk and while Gomez may have been given opportunities ahead of him, I expect the Croatian World Cup finalist to still play in certain games, as he did at home to Manchester City and away at Huddersfield Town.

Part of the reason for that is while Alexander-Arnold is still learning the right-back role and maturing as a player there will be times when the manager opts to play Gomez instead. Joe has shown he is more than capable of performing well at right-back and in some games he has been absolutely superb, not least when facing Manchester City's Leroy Sane at Anfield last season.

He didn't give Raheem Sterling a sniff in the game at Anfield this season either and he'll take a lot of confidence from performances like that and also from how he has played at centre-half.

Lovren is also not only one of Klopp's most experienced players but a very well-liked member of the squad with his friendship with Mo Salah, for instance, well-known. It is so, so important to have a harmonious dressing-room, particularly for the manager when he has other likeable lads, such as Alberto Moreno, that don't play regularly and Lovren is part of that.

Of course he wants to play – as will Joel Matip – so has to show the right attitude when he isn't selected and perform well when he is, something he did in the 0-0 draw against Man City. He's certainly a good player for Klopp to have at his disposal but then on current form it is very difficult to leave Gomez out.

Sometimes people forget how much pace Joe has got. He isn't just a strong boy – he's quick. There was a moment in the Red Star game at Anfield when he sprinted across from centre-half to right-back to not only get to the ball before the winger who had a head start on him, but played it against his shins to win a goal-kick. The Anfield crowd loved that, as did his manager.

One area that Gomez – and all the central defenders for that matter – must improve on is contributing goals at the other end. At the time of writing Matip is the only defender to have scored and when you think that Martin Skrtel got seven goals in 2013/14 that really needs to improve.

Everyone, midfielders included, should chip in with goals and while van Dijk was unlucky not to score with his three chances at Arsenal, goals from other areas ease the pressure on the attacking players. Had he scored one of those opportunities, perhaps Liverpool would have won.

I now think Liverpool are a threat from set-pieces and are less vulnerable to conceding from them compared to previous years, but you have to turn that threat into goals. It's a major strength for a side to be good from set-pieces at both ends of the pitch, so while they have been solid at the back that is something all our defenders can improve on.

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